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## CHINESE RECOVER KEY CITIES

### VICTORIES CLAIMED IN SWIFT DRIVE

#### Chufu and Ningyang Fall in Succession

#### JAPANESE POSSESSION OF YIHSIEN PRECARIOUS

(Special to "Telegraph")

Tungshanku, Apr. 11.

To-night a spokesman of General Li Chung-jen's headquarters told me a combined force of Chinese regulars and militia had recovered Chufu, the birthplace of Confucius, and also Ningyang, ten miles west of Chufu, both important Shantung towns. Tawenkow, south of Yenchow, and also on the Tientsin-Pukow railway, was recovered last night. The railway bridge was destroyed.

Meanwhile, very fierce fighting is raging in the mountains south of Yihsien and 15 miles north of a place called Taierschung (according to the cabled spelling) where Chinese troops are pursuing Japanese. But last night the Japanese in this sector received over 1,000 reinforcements.

The Japanese are reported to be preparing to evacuate Yihsien.

The situation at Hanchuang, 30 miles north of Hsuehchow, on the Tientsin-Pukow railway, is quiet. The Japanese are still holding the city.

The Japanese left flank remains north of Lanzi, where advance was checked three weeks ago. Many observers expect a new and heavy struggle on this front.

#### Path Of Reinforcements

It is thought that this is the most logical way for reinforcements to come from Tientsin and it is rumoured that two divisions are actually on their way. The Chinese spokesman doubted the truth of the reports of these divisions' movements.

The spokesman also scouted the possibility of the Japanese attempting a drive from the right flank from Tientsin towards the Lungai railway line, pointing out the insecurity of the Japanese rear along the Tientsin-Pukow railway.

#### Confirms Entry Of Tsinan

The spokesman confirmed that Chinese troops had entered parts of Tsinan but said he was not informed as to details of the subsequent happenings.

Hsuehchow newsboys, however, are crying extras featuring the latest news and extensive victory celebrations are planned.—United Press.

#### Yihsien Lines Weaken

Nikow, April 12.

Subject to the repeated fierce onslaughts of the Chinese forces, Japanese lines at Yihsien are reported to be weakening.

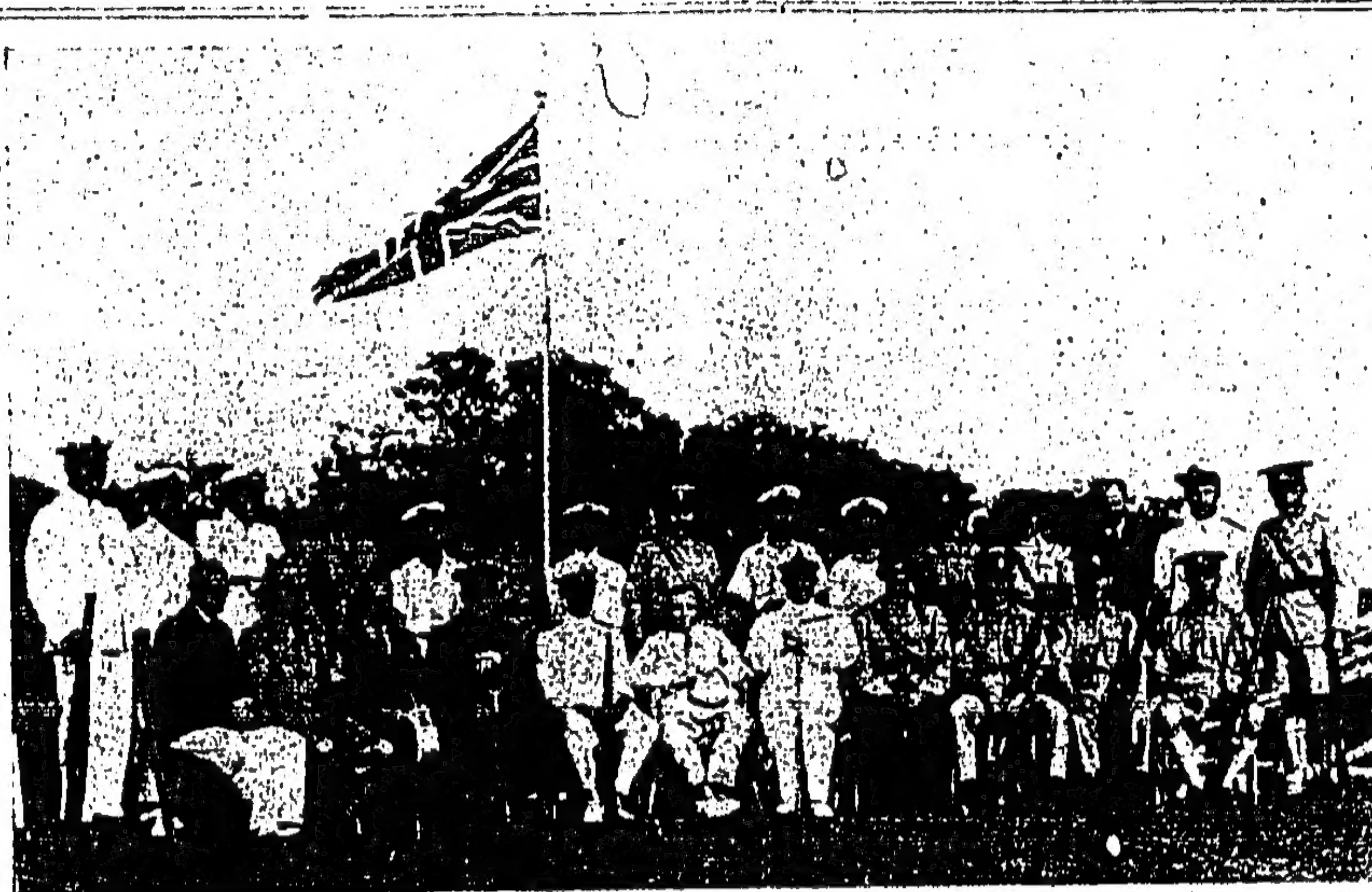
Competent military observers at the front believe that the recapture of Yihsien is imminent.

After occupying a number of hills in the suburbs commanding the town, the Chinese forces continued their advance steadily yesterday, challenging the Japanese in hand-to-hand combats. Armed with hand grenades and swords, they launched no less than 10 successive onslaughts during the day.

Toward noon the Japanese lines began to show signs of weakening as confused fighting took place at many points. The Chinese central column at Changshan pressed toward Luan-koh and "Chenchushan" points in the immediate vicinity of the town. The Chinese left wing, headed by Colonel and Commander, pushed the Chinese and Japanese forces back.

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### Chinese Armies Now Advised To Slow Advance



The official photograph taken at the conclusion of yesterday's Third Annual Prize Meeting of the Hongkong Rifle Association. Sitting from left to right are—J. Hargreaves (Hon. Treasurer), Inspector A. L. Hopkins (H.K.P.), joint second in the Governor's Prize with Sgt. V. Cooper, Middlesex Regt.; Col. N. M. S. Irwin, G.S.O.I., H.E. the G.O.C. Major General A. W. Bartholomew, Comd. Gen. A. Moody, R.N., winner of the Governor's Prize; H.E. the Governor, Commodore E. B. C. Dicken, R.N., Major G. P. Murray and Sgt. V. Cooper. Also in the photograph are the remainder of the 20 who qualified to shoot for the Governor's Prize.

### MACAO HEARS FIRING

Macao, Apr. 12.

Heavy firing was audible in Macao yesterday. The significance was realised but no definite word of the effect of the bombardment has been received.

For three hours the firing continued, finally ceasing at 10 a.m.

It is believed Japanese destroyers were bombarding villages in the Pak Chiu district, about 25 miles south-west of Macao. It is not known whether any landing was attempted.

"Windows rattled throughout the city all morning and people went about with the strained, tense air which speaks of constant listening.—Our Own Correspondent.

### Wafdist Party Claims Egypt Election Void

Cairo, Apr. 11.

The Wafdist Party to-day issued a statement describing the recent elections in Egypt as void.

The statement declares the Party's intention is to fight against what they describe as revolutionary and pro-British parties, which heavily defeated the Wafdist candidates in the recent General Election.—Reuter Bulletin.

### AUSTRIAN PROBLEM DISSOLVED

German Press Won't Welcome Further World Discussion

Berlin, Apr. 11.

The "miraculous" nature of the plebiscite is the chief topic of press reviews.

The Diplomatic Correspondence says that the reunion of Austria with the Reich means that Austria has ceased to provide an international problem. "This question" no longer exists, and must disappear finally from international discussion. "The sooner this is recognised the better it will be for the rest of the world, with which Germany wants to live in peace.—Reuter.

### BRITAIN MAY URGE RECOGNITION OF ITALIAN CONQUEST

London, Apr. 11.

During the House of Commons question time to-day, the Premier announced that Britain had requested the League of Nations to include in the forthcoming Council agenda, the question of the consequences arising from the existing situation in Abyssinia.

Mr. Percy Harris (Labour) asked whether that meant Britain was going to take the initiative in the recognition of Abyssinia.

Mr. Neville Chamberlain advised him to wait and see the text of the letter to the League.

The text alludes to the "anomalous situation arising from the fact that many States, including five members represented on the Council, recognise that the Italian Government exercises sovereignty over Ethiopia, or have taken action implying recognition, without the other member States having done so."

In reply to another question, Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, stated that the Italian authorities maintain control virtually the whole of Abyssinia. Resistance appears to be unorganised and of a local character, he said, confined to western Abyssinia.—Reuter.

#### Move Please, Italy

Rome, Apr. 11.

News that Britain has asked the League to consider the Abyssinian question at its next meeting is welcomed here as a tangible sign of the impending Anglo-Italian agreement.

Italians are particularly pleased that Britain made the move herself, instead of leaving it to some smaller Power to take the initiative.

It is presumed that the League Council will immediately permit League members to recognise the Italian Empire and thus remove what is described as one of the major sources of friction in Europe.—Reuter.

#### Will Ask League To Assist Refugees

London, Apr. 11.

The British Government intends to propose to the League that the next session of the Council consider the desirability of extending the authority of the commission for refugees from Germany to apply also to those from Austria, stated Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, in the House of Commons to-day.—Reuter.

### EXPERTS FEAR NEW JAPANESE STRENGTH MUSTERED TO FIGHT

#### Old Woman and Little Boy Taierschwang Heroes

Shanghai, Apr. 12.

No vital change was reported on the Tientsin-Pukow front yesterday.

It appears that Chinese advisers are now trying to halt the advancing troops in order to consolidate their positions preparatory to a new Japanese offensive which is expected at any minute, following the arrival of strong reinforcements.—Reuter.

(Special to the "Telegraph")

#### Bishop Yu Ping Thanks Hundreds Who Aid China

London, Apr. 11.

Bishop Paul Yu Ping, speaking at a reception organised in London by the China Campaign Committee, thanked friends of China who had sent help for the victims of the war.

He added that he had found people, and Roman Catholics generally, supported China, for China's fight was bound up with the fight for humanity and justice.—Reuter.

### EGYPT'S TARIFFS DOUBLED

#### New Duties Affect Indian Exports

Cairo, Apr. 11.

Increased customs tariffs on cotton piece goods and yarns, ranging up to 100 per cent., are being enforced immediately in Egypt.

Duties have been doubled on cotton yarns, heavy greys and whites, heavy printed dyed goods and cabots. A 100 per cent. increase in duty on cabots will practically prohibit their import from India.

All goods under 50 grammes per square metre will remain unchanged, but duties on ribbons and stockings are heavily increased. Increases on the remainder of cotton piece goods range from 50 to 70 per cent.

It is pointed out that the expression, "100 per cent." means doubling the existing duty, and not 100 per cent. ad valorem duty.—Reuter.

### STOP PRESS

#### JAPANESE PLANES BURNED

Chengchow, April 12. Five Japanese supply planes at the Sinsiang aerodrome were set on fire by Chinese guerrillas during a surprise raid on the airfield recently. The pilots were killed.—Central News.

(Further Stop Press News on Page 12.)

Hsuehchow, Apr. 11. When I left Taierschwang last night hundreds of people had already returned to the city, ordinary police were patrolling the devastated streets, postmen were in evidence, while troops continued to work on fortifying the walls.

The inhabitants doggedly searched among the ruins of their homes for the most primitive objects a human being needs in order to live. Some, like one old woman, returned only to find her bedroom standing. She accepted her fate, stolidly, saying: "Well anyway, I've a place in which to sleep."

#### Many Unconsolable

Others were hysterical and could not be consoled, bawling their wretched homes.

When the Chinese army retreats, the people retreat with it, and when it advances, the people bring up the rear. Taierschwang's people earned the right to return to their city. Many acted as stretcher bearers and guides to the Chinese army, and many themselves took up rifles from the wounded and fought the Japanese.

#### Old Woman's Heroism

Outside the wall lies the body of a 50-year-old woman, her legs blown off, and her thigh bones protruding like the branches of a grotesque tree.

Major-General Chih Feng-chen, defender of Taierschwang, told me that this old woman regularly passed through the lines during the battle, bringing information of the Japanese disposition.

The Japanese finally discovered her and threw grenades at her.

#### Misdirected Fire

The mascot of General Chih's 31st Division is a 10-year-old boy whom the Japanese sent out to find the Chinese artillery positions. The boy told the Japanese the wrong places, causing them to waste thousands of shells in blowing up empty fields.

Ninety boy and girl students, comprising a political department division, never left the front lines. General Chih said: "When they came they begged me to allow them to work some months ago. I did not think they would become an indispensable and thoroughly trustworthy unit. I now regard their work as absolutely essential."—United Press.

### POLICEMEN KILLED IN PALESTINE

#### Two Britons Die In Bombing

Haifa, Apr. 11.

Two British members of the Palestine police force were killed when a bomb, found near the plant of the Iraq Petroleum Company, exploded in the hand of one of them. Earlier a bomb exploded within the oil area, killing an Arab, and injuring three others. One of the police officers picked up the unexploded bomb in a brave attempt to dispose of it.—Reuter Special.



# Half way back to crinolines!

SUMMARY OF PARIS SPRING FASHION SHOWS BY ROBB & LUCY MILNER ENDS WITH EVENING FROCKS

**SPREADING**, billowy skirts that take us half way back to the crinoline... rainbow colours... sugarstick stripes—those are the impressions that stay after seeing the hundreds of new evening frocks in the Paris shows this year.

There's a new line in these wide skirts; they rise panelled, pleated, sometimes even with miniature paniers, from simple, fitted bodices.

Trimming is carried below the hipline. Flowers, for instance, trail from waist to knee; a bunch of lilies of the valley catches up the skirt of a white satin dress; hems are edged with lace, threaded with ribbons or ruffled with tulle.

**GLITTERING** materials like lame have been dropped; instead designers are using soft, feminine, transparent stuffs, and putting them over underskirts of stiff taffeta. The effect when you walk is swaying and graceful; shoes don't show, and are often heelless sandals.

Newest material is coarse cotton net, sometimes candy-striped, worn over tulle slips.

If you want something more sophisticated than these romantic frocks, you have another choice in the low-waisted, tunic-top silhouettes. Smooth and fitting as a stocking down to the hips, from there they suddenly burst out into a full frill of contrasting colour and material.

Dinner dresses of jersey or crepe, with long sleeves or little boleros, are still in every show, and there's a new version of the hostess gown made in chiffon, with short transparent puff sleeves and high round neck. (Robb has drawn one for you here).

**OVER** your frock you can wear a coat or a cape—both are equally popular. They are made in two distinct types; either heavy and formal, in taffeta, or flimsy and transparent, in chiffon and lace.

Evening hats and headresses, which never gained much ground over here, have nearly all gone, but some designers show chiffon scarves like Indian saris (most becoming) and cowl collars which make hoods.

Short, pull-on satin gloves looked so elegant that you'll probably be seeing a lot of them.

Summing up the trends:

**NECKLINES** are low and plain on full evening frocks; no more hutter necks, but a lot of shoulder straps and square bodices. Dinner dresses have simple round collars and short puffed transparent sleeves.

**WAISTS** move up and down: they are high on the full-skirted, billowy frocks, very low on the tunic dresses.

**LENGTH:** To the ground all round in almost every case; trains are exceptions.

**MATERIALS:** Flimsy and transparent—chiffon, tulle, lace, net, organza; or stiff and rustling—taffeta, grosgrain, corded satin.

**COLOURS:** Spring always brings out white frocks, and this year there



## Pictures by Robb

—who televised spring fashions in the "Picture Page" programme from the Alexandra Palace recently. Lookers-in "saw" him make quick charcoal sketches illustrating the fashion trends he saw in Paris. To emphasise the new lines and details he chose some of the more extravagant frocks; the ones you will be wearing yourselves will follow the same ideas, but probably in a modified form.

Colour, line, material—all make this one of the most romantic and graceful evening frocks designed for spring.

Colour was pale pink: a clear true pink without any yellow or blue tones in it. Line ran from a simple, softly pleated bodice into a narrow waist, and out into a wide, billowing skirt. Material was chiffon, pleated all round but more thickly at the sides than front and back, standing out over an underskirt of stiff taffeta. Bands of stitching divided the dress into tiers, and a spray of pink, blue and mauve sweet peas trailed across the right knee.

are more than ever. Flower shades, too, pink, mauve, hycinth blue, all fit in with the trend towards romantic and feminine fashions. Black and dark blue, lightened by transparent necks and sleeves, still in for dinner dresses.

**TRIMMINGS:** Big trailing sprays of flowers, like carnations, sweet peas, lilies of the valley; bands of lace and stitching or bows of ribbon; pleating and panelling—all carried well down on the skirt. Fantasies like one white satin frock which had rows of tiny pockets round the skirt, with little birds' heads peeping out of them.

## Lucy Milner

New version of the dinner dress: black organza over a tight underdress of black satin. The organza buttoned down the front, had a high round collar and short puff sleeves. Two bands of stitched pleats ran across it, one as a yoke, the other round the hips, and from below the hips it flared out in a full open skirt.



## It's Safer to be born a Female

THE human male is weaker than the human female, more prone on account of his relative constitutional weakness to developmental anomalies, to congenital debility, and to death from disease of all kinds.

This is the view suggested by Professor A. E. Crew in his presidential address to the Zoology section of the British Association for the Advancement of Science.

"The true recipe for longevity is to be born a girl," said Dr. Crew. "To be born a male is a more dangerous adventure for the male."

As far as they go, Dr. Crew went on, the figures about domestic animals suggest that the males share with a man a relative frailty and endure a selective elimination. Yet, in birds the female is the more fragile. Among insects, on the other hand, the average male does not live as long as the female.

Dr. Crew urged that the movements of the sex ratio can be used as a measure. A high ratio of male births goes with a high standard of living, and also with a declining population.

## Smelling Colours

A colour-blind teacher was always putting red ink where black should be, and vice-versa, till he found that he could distinguish them by smell.

This was one of the dodges of the colour-blind mentioned by Dr. Mary Collins in her presidential address to the Psychology section.

Only eighty cases of complete colour-blindness have been described to date. The common form of colour-blindness is in the red-green. The blue-yellow blindness, in which the ability to see blue and yellow is affected, is much rarer.

Examining 360 candidates for acceptance as apprentice printers, Dr. Collins found that 7.5 per cent were colour-blind to red and green.

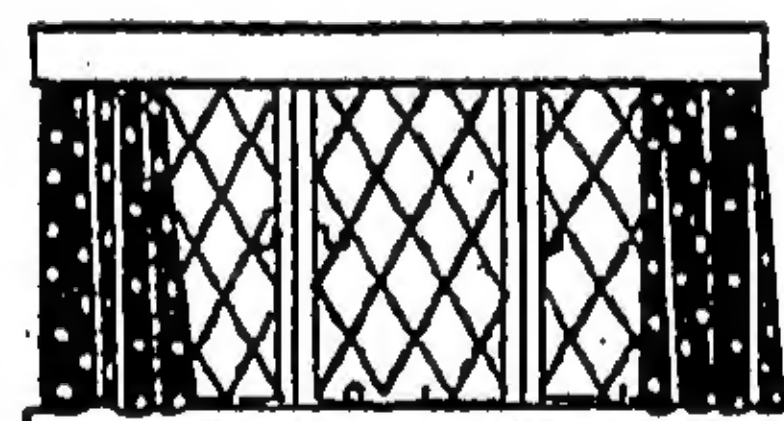
## Timing The Lark

With a ship-watch Mr. Rollin, a North of England observer, timed 500 skylarks. The average length of the song was 2.22 minutes. He found that the larks which sang longest kept together in the same field.

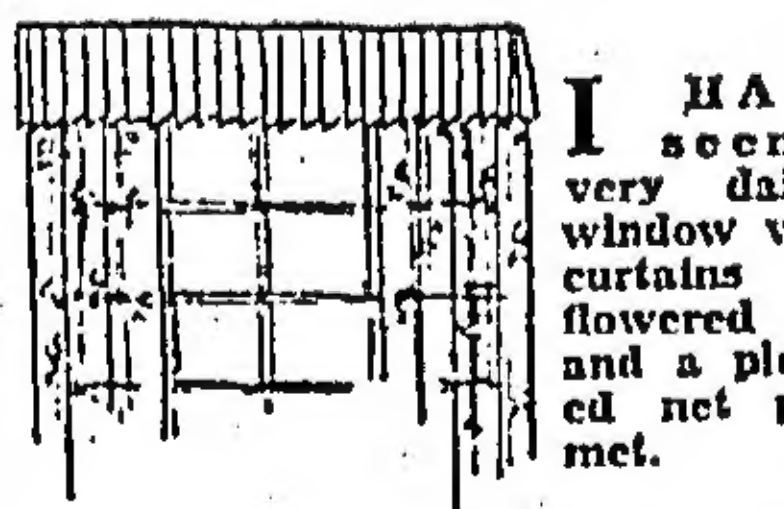
This experiment was mentioned by Professor Ritchie in his presidential address to the delegates from corresponding societies. Professor Ritchie told how he was basking in his garden with three newspapers, which he read at intervals. He found that as he read the "Scotsman" a cloud of water midges hovered over it at a height of four feet.

When he took up the old green "Westminster Gazette" the cloud descended very markedly. He then tested the midges with "Country Life" and they went higher even than for the "Scotsman." Experiments showed that the insects reacted, not to the colour, or quality of the paper, but to the intensity of reflected light.

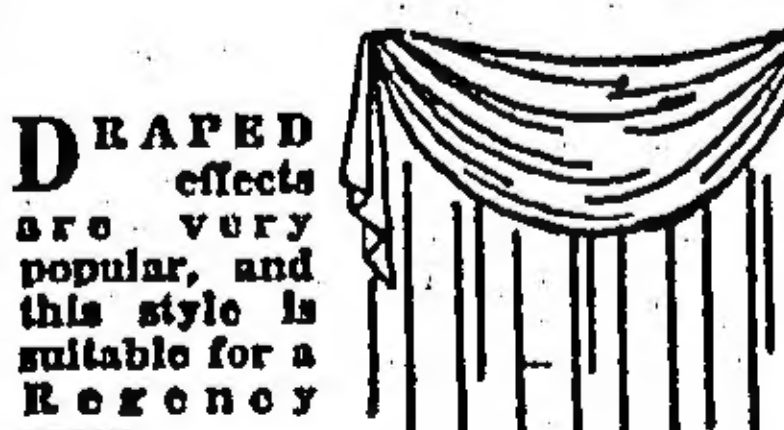
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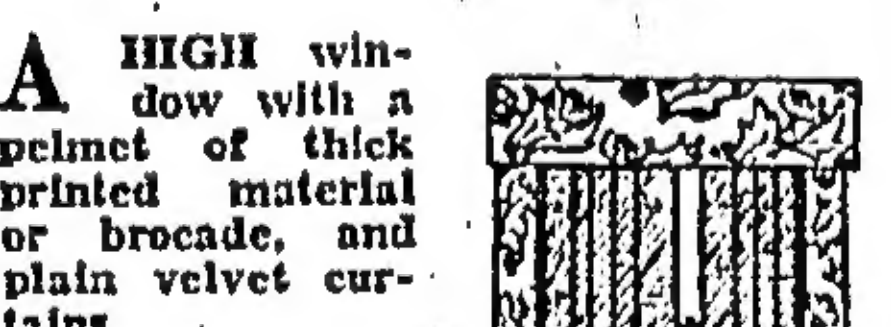
**HAVE** a wooden pelmet which can be painted to tone with the curtains or stained.



**I HAVE** seen a very dainty window with curtains of flowered net and a pleated net pelmet.



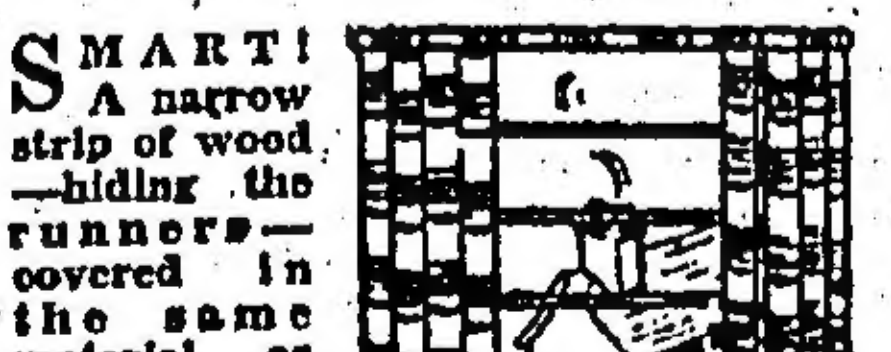
**DRAPE** effects are very popular, and this style is suitable for a bedroom room.



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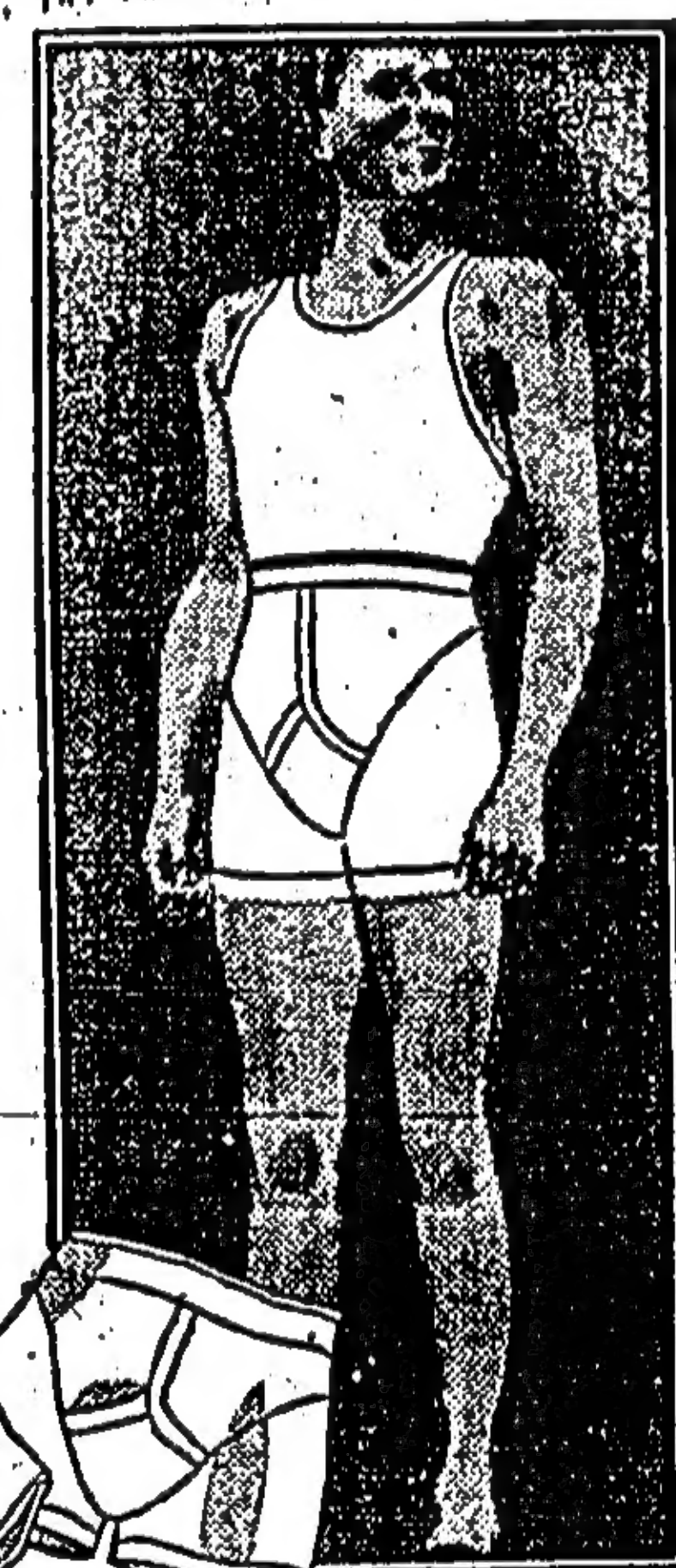
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# 'DO'S' & 'DON'TS' FOR MARRIED LIFE

## RESCUE OF MAROONED ICE SCIENTISTS



THE FIRST PICTURES of the rescue of the Soviet scientists after they had drifted for nine months on an Arctic ice-floe, are reproduced on this page. Above: Men from one of the relief ships, Taimyr, digging a tent free of the snow in which it was almost buried.

## WORLD OWES GREAT DEBT

### INVENTOR DIES IN LONDON

A MAN to whom the world owes a great debt died recently at the age of 96. His name is Edward Hodson Bayley.

England in particular should thank him for inventing the modern fire escape and the world in general should be grateful to him as one of the first sponsors of Gilbert and Sullivan.

Walking down Regent Street one day Mr. Bayley met D'Oyly Carte, then running an obscure music shop, who took him to meet a couple of young and equally obscure young men called Gilbert and Sullivan, who had just collaborated with an operetta—"Trial by Jury."

HE PUT UP \$1,000. Mr. Bayley listened to the tunes and went home humming them—unable to get them out of his head. So impressed was he that he put up \$1,000 for the production of "Trial by Jury." Chappell and Mettler contributed another \$1,000 each, and the world heard Gilbert and Sullivan for the first time.

As head of Bayleys, Ltd., wagon builders, of Newington Causeway, S.E., Mr. Bayley designed the first modern fire escape. It wound up and down and there was a wire chute in place of the canvas variety which was always catching on fire. Still with the idea of saving lives, he entered Parliament as Liberal member for East Camberwell in Gladstone's last Government. His plan was to promote a national life-boat service, but although he got the support of over 100 M.P.s he failed.

FOUNDED ORPHANAGE. He founded the New Church Orphanage Society which gives widows a weekly allowance to keep their homes going. When he was over 80 he still went swimming before breakfast and until quite recently was at his office every day. He was the oldest living Liveryman in the City of London, having held that position for 76 years. He formed a Liberal Association at Southwark, then a Conservative stronghold. Within a year he had secured a membership of several thousands. The two Conservative M.P.s for the constituency were displaced by Radicals.

## Living Cost up In Singapore

The cost of living in Singapore last year was higher for all communities, the percentage increase compared with 1936 being:

Asiatics	6.1 per cent.
Eurasians	4.3 per cent.
Europeans	2.5 per cent.

In 1938 the official cost of living fell slightly compared with 1937, but the cost of living last year was higher than in 1935.

FOOD IS DEARER. The detailed analysis of the figures shows that last year the food bill for the average European and Eurasian was 6.8 per cent. higher than for the previous year.

The increase in food costs for Asiatics was even higher—11.5 per cent. Dearer items in the menu of Europeans and Eurasians were beef, mutton, fowls, fish and vegetables, while Asiatics had to pay more for beef, fish, lamb, vegetables, mutton and dhall.

EDUCATION, RENT HIGHER. Europeans had to pay 3.4 per cent. more for servants, 1.7 per cent. more for transport, 1.7 per cent. more for their children's education, 2 per cent. more for clubs and 2.2 per cent. more for rent.

Increases other than those for food in the Asiatic family budget comprised 2.5 per cent. for education costs, 1.5 per cent. for clothing and 1.2 per cent. for rent.

## Wife of Victim of "Cat" Asks For London Divorce DEPRAVITY CLAUSE TO BE INVOKED

Robert Harley, sentenced to seven years' penal servitude and 20 strokes of the "cat" for his part in the Mayfair jewel robbery, is to figure in the courts again shortly in a case—the first of its kind in British legal history.

His young wife, a Bexhill woman, is taking proceedings for divorce against him. They were married in March 1936. The case is unique because it is the first application, under the Matrimonial Causes Act, 1937, for leave to petition for divorce, though the marriage has not been in existence three years.

It will be the first time the legal machinery provided under the Act has been put into operation to deal with this type of application.

### AFFIDAVIT SERVED

The procedure is for the petitioner's solicitors to issue an originating summons applying for leave to petition for divorce.

This has already been done by the wife's solicitors, of London's Inn, who have served an affidavit on Messrs. Emmanuel Garber and Co., of High Holborn, Harley's solicitors. A copy of the petition has been filed at the Registry and Messrs. Garber have 14 days to enter their answer.

An application for divorce in the case of a marriage of less than three years' duration may be brought, the Act states, if the case is one of "exceptional depravity on the part of the respondent."

The case is to be defended.

## BOTH ANSWERED NAME IN COURT

New York, Mar. 10. Two men stepped forward in Jefferson Market Court when the name of James Pappas was called on a charge of illegal peddling.

Both men insisted they had been arrested and both claimed the same name. One Pappas was peddling pretzels, the other apples. Two dollars apiece.

### HERE'S PARKING CONFUSION

Sydney. The police department's new "alternate day" parking system all most requires auto drivers to be mathematicians to know where and when to park. The system provides 20 minutes parking periods on the odd-numbered side of the street on the odd days of the month, and on the even-numbered side on the even days of the month.

## \$1,600 For Girl In Newcastle

Newcastle on Tyne. An 18-years-old Newcastle mannequin who went home every night after work and cried because of the disfigurement she suffered in a mid-night motor accident last July is to accept the advice of Mr. Justice Wrottesley and place herself in the hands of a plastic surgeon.

When Miss Joyce Pearl, of Roseworth-avenue, Gosforth, was awarded £588 damages at Durham Assizes yesterday, Mr. Justice Wrottesley commented that she was "a very pretty girl." The girl was one of the plaintiffs in a joint action which also resulted in another Newcastle girl, Miss Nancy Watson, a 23-years-old shop assistant, accepting a settlement of £1,600 damages.

Miss Pearl told me that she resigned from the tennis club because of the embarrassment the disfigurement caused her.

## His Wife Was Not Pleased

Benton, Ill., Mar. 10. Police officer Virgil Rogers tried out his new handcuffs on his wife. Then they took a walk to the locksmith's to have the handcuffs removed. Rogers had lost the key.

## Girl Attacked In Bath 18 Strokes Of The "Cat" For Ex-Boxer

Eighteen strokes of the "cat" and 18 months' hard labour was the sentence passed at Glamorgan Assizes on a 25-year-old steelworker.

He was Emlyn Lloyd, a former boxer, who broke into the house of Mrs. Violet Carpenter, at Port Talbot, and improperly assaulted her in her bath.

He also stole her handbag containing £11.

Lloyd pleaded guilty to three other burglaries for which he was sentenced to 15 and 12 months' hard labour, the sentences to run concurrently.

Passing sentence, Mr. Justice Greaves-Lord said: "You were not merely content burglariously to enter the house and steal but you also committed a terrible assault and used violence on a defenceless woman left in the house by her husband who was working at night."

"You caused her terrible pain and must have affected her in a way only terrorism of this kind could affect her."

On hearing his punishment, Lloyd said: "Thank you, sir."

"It is not for myself, but for the girl I am courting. She is prepared to stand by me," he said.

Mr. Justice Greaves-Lord: You don't seem to have gone the right way when you were courting her.

"DON'TS" for women who want to make a success of marriage were enumerated by Dr. Ethel Dukes, co-director of the Institute of Child Psychology, Warwick-avenue, W., when she spoke on "The Successful Wife," at Friends' House, Euston-road.

The wife who wishes to succeed, she said, will not: Domineer over her husband; Criticise him in the presence of others;

Insist on changing him; Refuse to be friends with his friends; Try to show him off;

Make him into a cushion carrier or an additional servant; Insist on constant entertaining in the house and out of it when he is tired and wants a smoke and his cosy slippers;

Despise his homespun qualities when she has had time to improve her cultural and social qualities while he has been hard at work; Run down his mother or other relatives;

Get into debt; Refuse to have children if he wants them and there is no medical reason why she should not;

Use any feminine wiles or neurotic illnesses to make him subservient to her.

Dr. Dukes, who is herself a wife and mother, said that it was better not to marry than to enter it asking "What can I get out of marriage."

### ALLOWANCES FOR WIVES

Another important point, she continued, was that an arrangement should be made at the start about money. Every wife should have a personal allowance that she could spend as she liked.

Other qualities essential to the successful wife were common sense, a sense of proportion and a sense of humour. Without these she would be inclined to make mountains out of mole-hills.

Unselfishness, tactfulness, adaptability, absolute fidelity and loyalty to her husband were equally requisite.

"I am all in favour of early marriages," Dr. Dukes said.

Other points in her address were: "Courage is necessary for the successful wife, particularly in the early days of marriage."

"It is most important that girls should be trained to be good wives not only in matters of housekeeping but in other ways. In earlier generations girls married knowing nothing of sex matters. Their mothers, although they had had many children, often told them nothing."

### "MARRY ONLY FOR LOVE"

Homes where men had married a domestic servant had a much higher standard.

"Marriage should be undertaken for no reason but love."

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Her final advice was that the successful wife needed the quality of forgiveness. In marriage men were very often far more forgiving than women.

Dr. Dukes, whose husband is Dr. C. E. Dukes, the bacteriological expert, lives in Queen Anne-street, W. She was married in 1915 and has one son.

## MAN BEHIND FRANCO

An amazing story of a secret military genius responsible for planning Franco's victorious drive was told me recently by a Nationalist volunteer just back in London from the front, says a Daily Sketch reporter.

"Franco is only a figure-head," he said to me.

"Three months ago, a young military genius of the German General Staff was lent to Franco to devise a new plan."

"He is living in the strictest seclusion at Franco's headquarters in a small white house guarded day and night by a double sentry."

"In the few official papers in which he is mentioned, he is called Capitano Hoffman."

"When, three months ago, he arrived at Franco's headquarters he asked to be given six weeks to study the position. He travelled all over Franco Spain and visited all the fronts."

"Then he sat down and in six weeks worked out the plans which have brought now an overwhelming victory to Franco."



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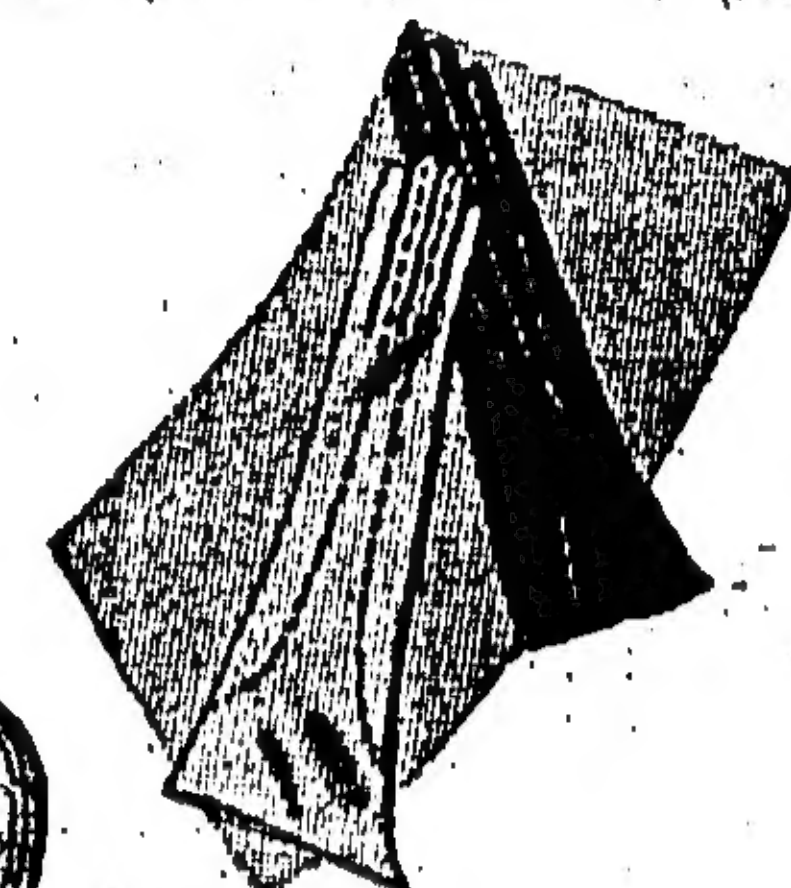
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## France Fears Germany's Expansion

### Press Disturbed By Developments

Paris, Apr. 11.  
The result of the Austrian Anschluss plebiscite has caused renewed apprehensions in the French press of further German expansion.  
L'Epique states that the balance of power has been completely modified by the Anschluss. "If we allow the German flood to extend farther, the day will come when we will find ourselves submerged," it declares.  
The Petit Parisien says: "All peoples threatened by Germany's expansion must group themselves together. Salvation in Europe is at stake."  
The Homme Libre: "We must see that we put ourselves in a position to say to Hitler 'thus far and no further' and be able to back our words with deeds."—Reuter Special.

## STOCK MARKET REPORT

The Hongkong Stock Exchange official summary issued at 3.15 p.m. yesterday says:

Although conditions were on the quiet side, in most instances enquiries found the market bare of stock.

Buyers	
Hongkong Bank \$1,535	
Bank of East Asia \$95	
Union Insurance \$25	
China Underwriters \$2.10	
Douglases \$68	
H.K. Steamship \$115	
Providents (Old) \$3.25	
Providents (New) \$3.35	
Rauha \$62	
H. & B. Hotels \$40	
H.K. Lands \$33 1/2	
H.K. Lands 4% debentures \$100 1/2	
Humphreys \$9	
H.K. Tramways \$15.80	
Peak Tram (Old) \$7	
Star Terres \$65	
China Lights (Old) \$11.55	
H.K. Electric \$69 1/2	
Telephones (Old) \$20 1/2	
Telephones (New) \$10.20	
Cements \$18.15	
Lane Crawford \$94	
Wing On Textiles \$35	
Entertainments \$4 1/2	
Constructions \$1 1/2	
Martens \$1 1/2	
Kowloon Wharves \$133	
H.K. Lands \$33 1/2	
Yauwatt Ferries \$7	
China Lights (New) \$9	
Hongkong Bank \$1,535	
Union Insurance \$250 1/2	
China Underwriters \$2.10	
Providents (New) \$3.40	
H.K. Mines \$0.10	
H.K. Lands \$33 1/2	
Humphreys \$9	
H.K. Tramways \$15.80/85	
Yauwatt Ferries \$7 1/2	
Cements \$18 1/2	
Dairy Farms \$24 1/2	
Antamoka \$4	
Regulo Gold 10 1/2	
Benruet Concessions \$30	
Coco Grove \$40	
Consolidated Mines \$11	
Demonstrations \$3 1/2	
L. & L. \$4	
Paralele Gumaui \$8	
San Maurice \$1	
Suyoc Concessions \$5	
United Physicians \$1	

### EXCHANGE RATES

	April 7.	April 11.
Paris.....	131 1/4	100 1/4
Geneva.....	21.04 1/2	21.03 1/2
Berlin.....	12.37 1/2	12.37
Athens.....	547 1/2	547 1/2
Milan.....	94 1/2	94 1/2
Oslo.....	19.90	19.90
Copenhagen.....	22.40	22.40
Stockholm.....	19.40	19.40
Helsingfors.....	220 1/2	220 1/2
Shanghai.....	1 1/2	1 1/2
New York.....	4.95 1/2	4.95 1/2
Vienna.....	20 1/2	20 1/2
Amsterdam.....	0.95 1/2	0.95 1/2
Prague.....	142 1/2	142 1/2
Madrid.....	Nom.	Nom.
Lisbon.....	110 1/2	110 1/2
Hongkong.....	1/2 1/2	1/2 1/2
Honolulu.....	1/8 1/2	1/8 1/2
Montevideo.....	4.95 1/2	4.95 1/2
Brussels.....	20.48	20.48 1/2
Yokohama.....	1/2	1/2
Belgrade.....	217	217
Bucharest.....	677 1/2	677 1/2
Montevideo.....	19 1/2	19 1/2
Rio de Janeiro.....	21 1/2	21 1/2
Silver (Spot).....	18 1/2	18 1/2
Silver (forward).....	18 1/2	18 1/2
War Loan.....	102 1/2	102 1/2

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### HONG KONG ENGINEERING & CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Sixteenth Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders of the Hong Kong Engineering & Construction Co., Ltd., will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Lowe, Bingham & Matthews, Mercantile Bank Building, Queen's Road (Central), Hong Kong, on Wednesday, the 13th April, 1938, at 12 o'clock (Noon), for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors and a Statement of Accounts for the year ended on the 31st December, 1937, and electing Directors and Auditors.  
The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 6th April to the 13th April, 1938, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board,  
R. ALVES,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, 1st April, 1938.

### HONG KONG ENGINEERING & CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the above named Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Lowe, Bingham & Matthews, Mercantile Bank Building, Queen's Road (Central), Hong Kong, on Wednesday, the 13th April, 1938, at 12.15 p.m., when the subjoined Resolution will be proposed as an Ordinary Resolution:

"That the Capital of the Company be increased to Five Million Dollars by the creation of Two Million New Shares of the nominal value of \$2 each and that such New Shares be issued at such time or times and on such terms and conditions as the Directors shall in their absolute discretion see fit."

By order of the Board,  
R. ALVES,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, 1st April, 1938.

## CHINESE RECOVER KEY CITIES

(Continued from Page 1.)

right wing was still engaging the Japanese at Shuangshan and Tanshan.

### Picked Fighters

In view of the hilly terrain around Yihsein the Chinese forces now fighting there are especially trained. They are fighting excellently. Enveloped by the Chinese on all sides, the Japanese are fighting desperately to avert a second Tientsin-chang. In an attempt to occupy Kuotich, a strategic point north of Yihsein, which commands a key position on their route of retreat, 2,000 Japanese troops supported by a number of field pieces launched a fierce attack there. They were later reinforced by about 500 troops from Tsoochwang.

After a bitter engagement lasting from morning till noon, the Japanese were repulsed with heavy losses. Many Japanese officers and soldiers were captured alive.—Central News.

## GEORGE ROBEY'S WIFE WINS DIVORCE ACTION

London, Apr. 11.  
Mrs. Ethel Wade, against George Edward Wade (the comedian George Robey).  
Adultery with a woman named Little was alleged.  
The case was not contested.—Reuter Special.

## DISCUSS ANGLO-IRE PACT IN LONDON

London, Apr. 12.  
The Prime Minister of Northern Ireland, who arrived from Belfast this morning, saw Mr. Neville Chamberlain this afternoon.  
It is understood they discussed the expected pact between Britain and Eire.—Reuter Bulletin.

## G. R.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Tuesday, the 19th day of April, 1938, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Prince Edward Road, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

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### UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LTD.

#### Notice to Shareholders

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Society will be held at the HEAD OFFICE, Union Building, Hong Kong, on WEDNESDAY, 13th APRIL, 1938, at 11 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1937, and of declaring Dividend, etc.

The SHARE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Society will be CLOSED from 26th MARCH to 13th APRIL, Both Days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,  
A. W. HUGHES,  
General Manager.  
Hongkong, 14th March, 1938.

### THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LTD.

#### Notice to Shareholders

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SIXTY-NINTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company will be held at its HEAD OFFICE, Union Building, Hong Kong, on WEDNESDAY, 13th APRIL, 1938, at 11.20 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1937, and of declaring Dividend, etc.

The SHARE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 26th MARCH to 13th APRIL, Both Days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,  
A. W. HUGHES,  
General Manager.  
Hongkong, 14th March, 1938.

### BRITISH TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, LTD.

#### Notice to Shareholders

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SEVENTY-SECOND ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company will be held at its HEAD OFFICE, Union Building, Hong Kong, on Wednesday, 13th APRIL, 1938, at 11.25 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1937, and of declaring Dividend, etc.

The SHARE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 26th MARCH to 13th APRIL, Both Days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,  
A. W. HUGHES,  
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Hongkong, 14th March, 1938.

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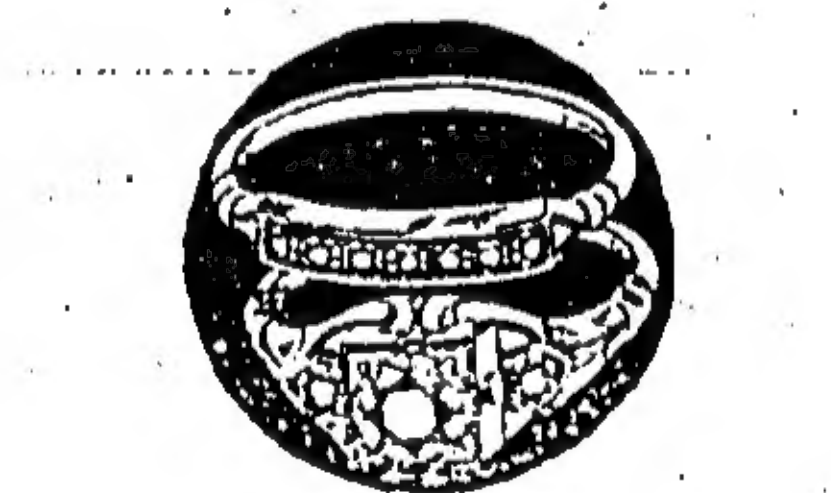
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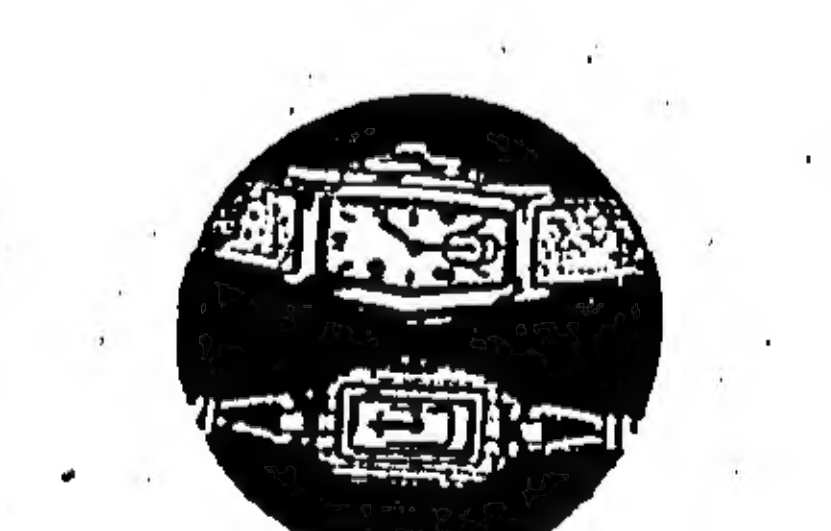


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## Chinese Hold "U. P." War Correspondent

### Released After He Surrendered Camera

Changanshe, Apr. 11.  
Mr. Jack Belden, United Press correspondent in the war zone, who was detained by the Chinese authorities last week, has been released, according to a message received from him, which states that he has arrived safe at Sian in company with Colonel Stilwell, American Military Attache. They reached Sian in Russian trucks with armed guards, provided by the courtesy of Kansu's Governor, General Chu Shao-ling.

According to Mr. Belden's story, the military truck on which they were proceeding to Sian broke down on the outskirts of Lanchow, opposite the airfield. Two Russians invited the newspaperman to the airfield, where the Chinese commander detained him, because a Russian falsely stated that he was photographing the air field.

Mr. Belden refused the request of the commander to turn over his camera, and he was then transported to the Eighth War District Headquarters, where he refused to write a statement until allowed to communicate with Colonel Stilwell.

He was released after 11 hours after he had voluntarily turned over his camera. He was detained for two days at Lanchow while the case was settled, after which the Governor expressed regrets to Colonel Stilwell for the incident, and provided a truck for them.

The incident is now considered closed, and the newspaperman is on his way to Hsuechow.—United Press.

## INDIA BOYCOTTS ZANZIBAR'S CLOVE INDUSTRY

New Delhi, Apr. 12.  
The Government of India is sending a representative to Zanzibar to confer with the Government of Zanzibar regarding the deadlock in the clove industry.

Recently the Zanzibar Government passed legislation controlling the whole of the clove industry, which large Indian interests there regarded as harmful to their business. Consequently there is a boycott of cloves in India.—Reuter Bulletin.

## CHINA EXCHANGE REFORM SHOULD HELP SHANGHAI

Shanghai, Apr. 12.  
Mr. Shih Teh-mow, head of the business department of the Central Bank of China, arrived in Shanghai yesterday from Hongkong.

It is understood that Mr. Shih is supervising final arrangements for the opening of a forwarding office for foreign exchange in Shanghai, as promised by the Central Government.

## BRITISH OFFICER TO AID AUSTRALIA DEFENCE SCHEME

Sydney, Apr. 11.  
The Minister of Defence announced to-day that the Commonwealth Government will shortly be appointing a British Army officer as Inspector-General for military defence in Australia.—Reuter Special.

## ACCELERATED AIR SERVICE STARTS

Alexandria, Apr. 11.  
The Imperial Airways flying-boat, Centaurus, which is inaugurating the accelerated new air service to Brisbane, arrived at Alexandria slightly later than schedule, owing to the heavy headwinds encountered.—Reuter Bulletin.

## EGYPTIAN-TURKISH TREATY RATIFIED

Cairo, Apr. 12.  
At the Egyptian Foreign Office to-day, the Turkish Minister exchanged instruments of ratification of the Egyptian-Turkish Treaty.—Reuter Bulletin.

## OFFICIAL PLEDISCITE FIGURES DISCLOSED

Berlin, Apr. 11.  
The official figures for the plebiscite show that in Austria and Germany together, the total affirmative vote was 46,805,875. Those who voted against the annexation numbered 412,230 while there were 75,369 spoiled papers.

Over 99 per cent voted in favour of Herr Hitler.—Reuter.

## SHIPS IN WIRELESS COMMUNICATION

The following ships are expected to be in wireless communication with the Hongkong Radio Station:—Dartagnan, Corfu, Liwo, President Adams, Postdam, Empress of Japan, Empress of Asia, Santhia and Java.

## POST OFFICE.

### NEW STAMP ISSUE

Postage stamps of the new issue of Mr. King George VI. in the denominations 10 cents, 15 cents, 30 cents and 60 cents will be on sale as from April 13.

In order to assist Dealers and others who require considerable quantities of these stamps for "first day covers" supplies in complete sheets of 120 stamps only will be available at the Chief Accountants Office, 1st floor, Post Office Building, from 5.00 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Tuesday, April 12. The stamps will not be valid for postage until April 13.

### AIR MAIL SERVICES

Air Mail Services to Shanghai, Nanking, Tientsin, Tientsin and Peking are temporarily suspended.

### AIR MAIL LETTERS

Air mail letters may be posted in the ordinary posting boxes. They should be clearly marked "By Air Mail" and bear sufficient postage. Insufficiently prepaid letters may be taxed with double the deficiency or forwarded by Steamship Service, at the discretion of the Post Office.

### OUTWARD MAIL TIMES

Registered and Parcel Mails are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m., registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day.

### VIA SIBERIA ROUTE

Letters and Postcards for Europe and South America are forwarded "via Siberia" if so superscribed.

### INWARD MAILS

From	Per	Due
Japan	Kidderpore	April 12.
Calcutta and Straits	Santhia	April 12.
Australia and Manila	Changtse	April 13.
Straits and Europe via Suez (Letters and Papers) London, 17th March and London Parcels—London date, 10th March	Corfu	April 13.
Manila	Emp. of Asia	April 13.
Shanghai and Swatow	Kynging	April 13.
Haiphong, Pakhoi and Hoihow	Kiangsu	April 13.
Pakhoi	Szechow	April 13.
Java	Tientsin	April 13.
Tientsin	Yochow	April 13.
Shanghai	Glengarry	April 14.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 6th April	Imperial Airways Plane	April 14.
Japan and Shanghai	Jean Laborde	April 14.
Japan	Mausang	April 14.
Straits and Hoihow	Mulnam	April 14.
Straits	Soudin	April 14.
Swatow and Manila	D'Aragnan	April 15.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 10th April	Imperial Airways Plane	April 15.
Air Mail by "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 1st April	Pan-American Airways Plane	April 15.
Japan and Shanghai	Rampura	April 15.
Calcutta and Straits	Kumsang	April 16.

### OUTWARD MAILS

For	Per	Date and Time
Tuesday		
Bangkok	Michael Jebson	Tues., Apr. 12, 3.30 p.m.
Hoihow, Pakhoi and Haiphong	Kanchow	Tues., Apr. 12, Noon.
Swatow	Lycemore	Tues., Apr. 12, 12.30 p.m.
Honolulu, U.S.A., Canada, Central and South America and Europe via San Francisco—Due San Francisco, 4th May.	President Pierce	Tues., Apr. 12, 3 p.m.
	Far.	Apr. 12, 4.15 p.m.
	Reg.	Apr. 12, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Apr. 12, 5 p.m.
Wednesday		
Samshui and Wuchow	Taiming	Wed., Apr. 13, 8.15 a.m.
Swatow and Bangkok	Kalgan	Wed., Apr. 13, 8.30 a.m.
Kongmoon	Fook On	Wed., Apr. 13, 10 a.m.
Pakhoi and Hoihow	Chengtu	Wed., Apr. 13, 10.30 a.m.
Swatow	Haitan	Wed., Apr. 13, 2 p.m.
Amoy, Foochow (via Amoy)	Taiyuan	Wed., Apr. 13, 3.30 p.m.
Air Mail for Wuchow, Fuzhou, Kweiyang and Changchun by the "N.A.C. Airways Direct Service"	C.N.A.C. Plane	Wed., Apr. 13, 5 p.m.
	Reg.	Apr. 13, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Apr. 13, 5 p.m.
	G.P.O.	Apr. 13, 5 p.m.
	Reg.	Apr. 13, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Apr. 13, 5 p.m.
Thursday		
Samshui and Wuchow	Kongso	Thurs., Apr. 14, 8.15 a.m.
	Prometheus	Thurs., Apr. 14, 9.30 a.m.
Dairen	Taihybus	Thurs., Apr. 14, 9.30 a.m.
Formosa	Canton Maru	Thurs., Apr. 14, 10.30 a.m.
Shanghai and Japan	Corfu	Thurs., Apr. 14, 10.30 a.m.
Foochow and Tientsin	Hupei	Thurs., Apr. 14, 10.30 a.m.
*Straits and Calcutta	Mausang	Thurs., Apr. 14, 11 a.m.
	Parcels	Apr. 14, 11 a.m.
	Ord.	Apr. 14, Noon.
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., Central and South America, and Europe via Vancouver B.C. (Parcels for Canada only)—due Vancouver B.C., 2nd May and Europe via Siberia	Empress of Asia	Thurs., Apr. 14, Noon.
Saigon, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 11th May.	G.P.O. and K.F.O.	Thurs., Apr. 14, 3 p.m.
	Reg.	Apr. 14, 4.15 p.m.
	Ord.	Apr. 14, 5 p.m.
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Imperial Airways Plane Direct Service"—due London, 21st April.	G.P.O. and K.F.O.	Thurs., Apr. 14, 5 p.m.
	Reg.	Apr. 14, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Apr. 14, 5 p.m.
Friday		
Samshui and Wuchow	Tai Hing	Fri., Apr. 15, 8.15 a.m.
Sandakan	Hinsang	Fri., Apr. 15,



# CHINESE ADMIT RETREAT FROM TSINAN AREA

Hankow, Apr. 11.

"A Brigade of Shantung troops under the command of General Wu Hui-wen, which reached the outskirts of Tsinan on April 8 has been withdrawn to Changchun," says an official report received here. The report explains that the withdrawal is for the purpose of forming a junction with the Chinese at Feichen which was occupied on April 4 by the Division under the command of General Chan Shu-tang.—*Reuter*.

## JAPANESE COMMUNICATIONS CUT

Tientsin, April 11.

Chinese troops have been actively cutting the Japanese communication lines around Tientsin on the Tientsin-Pukow Railway.

On April 9, it is learned, a bridge was blasted with dynamite, while electric wires covering a distance of over two miles were cut down.

They also damaged more than 10 sections of the highway between Yenchow and Tientsin.

Fervid Japanese troop movements have been noted between Feichen, Changchun and Tientsin in Shantung.—*Central News*.

## NO STREET FIGHTING

Shanghai, April 11.

A Japanese spokesman denied the Chinese reports of street fighting at Tientsin in Shantung. He said: "We have been in constant communication with the Consul-General but he has not mentioned any fighting near Tientsin."

The spokesman again denied any losses in southern Shantung, including Tientsin.—*United Press*.

## CREDIT TO GERMAN ADVISER

Shanghai, April 11.

Lieut. General Baron Alexandre von Falkenhausen, the chief German adviser to the Chinese army, and some other German staff officers, are given the credit for the famous Tientsin-Pukow battle resulting in the rout of the Japanese troops.

The enemy strength on the Tientsin-Pukow Railway front is weakening. The Japanese Fifth Division, the First Reserve Division and the Tenth Division were badly shattered in the recent fighting.

Among the senior Japanese officers killed in action at Tientsin was Colonel Sakai, former Chief of Staff of the Japanese garrison in Tientsin two years ago. He is well-known to foreign correspondents, who found the colonel a source of information.—*International*.

## IRON RING AROUND YIHSIEN

With the Chinese Forces at Nikow.

Apr. 11.

Pressing on relentlessly from their base at Nikow, five kilometres south

of Yihhsien, the Chinese troops early this morning occupied a number of hills north and south of the beleaguered city and further tightened the iron ring around the Japanese forces there.

Fierce fighting, in which Chinese heavy artillery was brought into effective action, throughout last night resulted in the dislodging of the Japanese forces from many of their hilly strongholds on the eastern, western and southern outskirts of the city. Among the hills and strategic points occupied by the Chinese forces is Chungshan overlooking Yihhsien from the south.

The right wing of the Chinese forces is gradually approaching the railway station at Yihhsien, having already gained a foothold on Shungshan and Tanshan outside the rail line.

The remnant Japanese forces have been forced to withdraw from the outskirts of the city and to defend their inner line.

Some anxiety was felt for the Chinese forces during their offensive on the Japanese positions among the hills last night as the invaders directed an uninterrupted hail of machine-gun bullets from their well placed positions on the attackers.

## KUOLITSI OCCUPIED

The mastery of the art of mountain climbing, which is a requisite course in Chinese military training, helped the Chinese troops to force a foothold from the Japanese positions, and finally won for them the complete control of several hills.

Another unit of Chinese forces, in a flanking movement, has occupied Kuolitsi, a small village to the north of Yihhsien last night, and is now swooping down to threaten the Japanese from the rear.

The main force of the Japanese army in Yihhsien, according to military intelligence, has made preparations for withdrawing towards the north-west.

Large numbers of tanks and heavy artillery pieces, it is said, were being moved from Yihhsien since last night.—*Central News*.

# Japan Gives Warning To Russians

## Alleged Oppression Of Nationals In Saghalien Area

Tokyo, April 11.

"If Soviet Russia cares to negotiate the situation we shall not hesitate to respond," declared a Foreign Office spokesman today in commenting on alleged oppression of Japanese nationals and interests in North Saghalien. "We must watch what attitude the Soviet Government assumes towards our protests," he added.

Japanese oil and coal concessions in North Saghalien, the spokesman said, were obtained by virtue of "realities and therefore must be retained."

Enumerating alleged acts of outrageous oppression against these concerns, the spokesman said that about 20 Japanese officials have been arrested under one pretext or another. Some 1,700 other Japanese officials and employees of these firms are now living in a state of terror.

Concurrently a pamphlet has been issued by the Foreign Office attacking the oppressive acts allegedly committed by the Russian authorities against Japanese diplomatic establishments and commercial rights and interests. The pamphlet adds that these outrages are aggravating the already sufficiently strained Soviet-Japanese relations.—*Reuter*.

# Greek Ship Breaks Up In Mid-Ocean

London, Apr. 11.

A Greek steamer met with a peculiar accident in mid-Atlantic when the vessel broke into two parts after an explosion. Half of the crew were left on one part and the rest on the other.

Two British and one Norwegian ship rushing to the rescue arrived in time to take off the crew before the two parts of the vessel sank. All were saved with the exception of two members of the crew who were drowned.—*Reuter's Bulletin*.

## QUEEN MARY IN GALE

Falmouth, April 11.

R.M.S. Queen Mary arrived here after her trans-Atlantic crossing four hours later. It was disclosed that 40 passengers were injured during the gale on Friday, some sustaining broken limbs and the majority minor cuts and bruises.—*United Press*.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Ho Mun Tin (Catholic)  
CemeteryTo the Editor,  
Hongkong Telegraph.

Sir,—You might recall that at the recent annual meeting of the Kowloon Residents' Association, Mr. B. Wyllie, its President, made reference to a letter which had been received from Government regarding an inquiry as to whether on the ground of a saving of cost, the land allocated for a Catholic cemetery at Ho Mun Tin might be allowed to be used for that purpose instead of the cemetery being transferred somewhere else in Kowloon.

I had previously and before the annual meeting written to the President on this subject, and with his consent my first letter was withdrawn and an amended one substituted in its place.

A meeting of the General Committee of the Kowloon Residents' Association was held to-morrow to discuss the subject. I have asked the President that consideration be given to the letter, copy enclosed, by his General Committee before a reply be sent to Government. Mr. Wyllie has kindly acceded to my request.

I shall esteem it a favour if you will be so good as to make room in your next issue for the publication of the enclosed letter.

J. P. BRAGA.

Dear Mr. Wyllie,—The annual report of the Kowloon Residents' Association, refers to a Government proposal to move the Catholic Cemetery on K.L.L. 2148 to a site at Kowloon. The Government asks for the views of your Association on the proposal. The reply to Government was deferred pending investigation by a Sub-Committee of the K.R.A. and because also of the existence of opposition to the Cemetery remaining in the Homunlin Valley.

As you are aware, I had intended to address the K.R.A. on the subject. I was unfortunately prevented from doing so by ill health and unavoidable circumstances. I hope I shall not be too late with this letter for your Committee's careful consideration.

The larger question of burials in Homunlin was raised in the Legislative Council in 1936, and the Colonial Secretary stated at the time that the Chairman of the Urban Council had been asked to consider the matter of the future of the Homunlin Cemetery. It was subsequently decided to cease burials in this locality.

There was, and still is, a very strong feeling against the utilisation of so valuable an area for the purpose of a cemetery.

Homunlin has now developed into a thickly populated district of the middle-class citizens of Kowloon, and is one of the remaining areas, not yet alienated, to permit of even greater residential expansion. An aerial view of Kowloon reveals the fact that the Homunlin cemetery allocation acts as a wide gap between the northern peninsula and the Kowloon, within which a large number of houses could be comfortably built if improvements were carried out by the Public Works Department that would provide suitable and desirable site for dwelling houses. From the point of view of improved hygienic conditions alone, the project has much to commend itself.

A roadway has been formed across the area. Were a properly surfaced motor road, however, of greater width to be constructed to join up King's Park with Waterloo Road just below the first Railway bridge it would prove of immense value to people living in Homunlin and Kowloon Tong by reducing the distance from the latter district to the "Star" Ferry Pier at Kowloon Point by at least a few minutes. The other end of this improved thoroughfare will be on Gonsalve Road. This main thoroughfare will largely aid in relieving the traffic congestion around the "theatre district" of Nathan Road.

This consideration alone should dissipate any doubt as to the advisability of reserving Homunlin for building purposes only, and discourage the idea even of setting aside any space for sectional burial grounds.

If the cemetery scheme should go through it will offer a real and, I very much fear, permanent obstruction, which will be a hindrance to the development of the Peninsula, which every day gives promise of greater and more rapid growth.

In the Colonial Secretary's letter of the 1st December, 1937, an inquiry is addressed to your Association as to "whether the prospects of residential developments on the site which would be available by the removal of this Cemetery are sufficient to justify the expense of such removal."

It so happens that I may claim some practical experience of site formation and building construction in this district. I feel I am in a position to re-

# CHEAP AIR MAIL FOR H.M. NAVY

Cheaper rates for air mail to the China Fleet will be introduced later in the year.

This fact has been elicited by Sir Robert Gower, K.C.V.O., M.P. for Gillingham, who recently asked the Postmaster General to permit the passage of air mail for the China Fleet to Singapore by air, add its despatch to the various ships by steamer in order that the members of the Services might have the advantage of the 1½d. rate via Singapore, as against the 6d. rate to Hongkong direct.

Sir Walter Womersley (Assistant Postmaster General) has replied to Sir Robert Gower as follows: "You wrote to me on March 16, forwarding the enclosed letter from your Agent at Gillingham regarding the despatch of letter mails by air to His Majesty's ships in Malayan and Chinese Waters."

"As you will see from page 2 of the White Paper (Cmd 5414) of which I enclose a copy, the Empire Air Mail Scheme is being introduced by gradual stages the first two of which to East and South Africa and India-Burma-Malaya are already in operation. As your Agent mentions, letter mails for His Majesty's ships at Singapore have been conveyed by air since the introduction of the second stage.

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## HUGE INCREASE LIKELY

"There are at present only two services a week to Singapore but, as explained in the White Paper, when the full scheme is in operation there will be an additional service, making three. I am afraid that in the meantime it will not be possible to consider any extension of the benefits of the Scheme to correspondence for His Majesty's ships in Chinese Waters, as such a step would result in a possibly embarrassing increase in the weight of mail to be carried by the services at present in operation.

The Minister draws attention to the fact that the postage rate for letters to the ships is 1½d. for each half ounce and not 1½d. for each ounce as previously stated. Letters for His Majesty's ships, when receiving the benefit of air transmission under the Scheme will retain, exceptionally, the rate appropriate to surface transmission, namely 1½d. for the first ounce and 1d. for each subsequent ounce.

**DENTIST FOR H.K.**  
Recent appointments notified by the Admiralty include:

Surg.-Lt. (D), W. F. Finnie, L.D.S., to Tamar (April 1) and for duty at R. N. Hospital, Hongkong, and R. N. Sick Quarters, Weihaiwei.

**CRUISE OF THE THANET**  
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grounds. I trust that its best and most logical use should appeal to your Committee as a building area that will bring revenue to the Colony and help to remove congestion now threatening in a very popular district on the mainland. To this end it is felt reliance might be placed on your Committee for its influential support in order to remove, in prospect of time, all the graves within Homunlin.

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ply to you individually regarding the Government's inquiry. There is no doubt whatever in my mind that Government should be well advised to abandon the Cemetery Scheme in Homunlin. Land sales that are bound to accrue, and taxes collectable from the houses that are bound to be built within the area, will, in my reasoned opinion, more than compensate Government for any cost attendant on the removal of the Cemetery under contemplation. It should not be forgotten that as Crown land Government will not have to face the first cost of a premium, as in the case of private enterprise taking its risks in leasing Crown land for profit-making development.

If you do not object, I propose to communicate this letter to the local newspapers for publication in order to invite discussion on a matter of wide public interest, and better to ascertain the general views of Kowloon residents. I know for a fact of the existence of a great weight of public opinion against the Cemetery in Homunlin.

I will not request publication of this letter in the Press until your Committee feel that it might be published without embarrassment. (Sd.) J. P. BRAGA.

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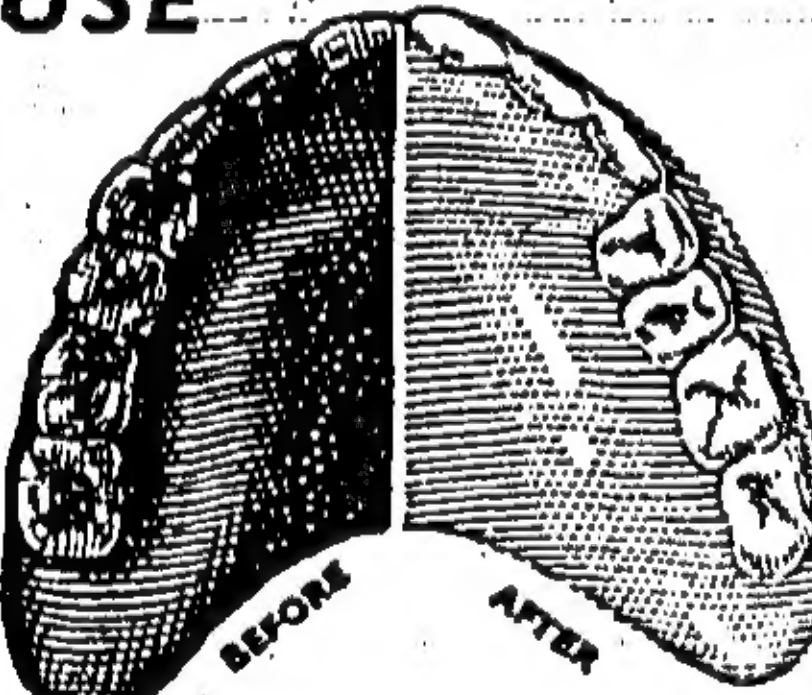
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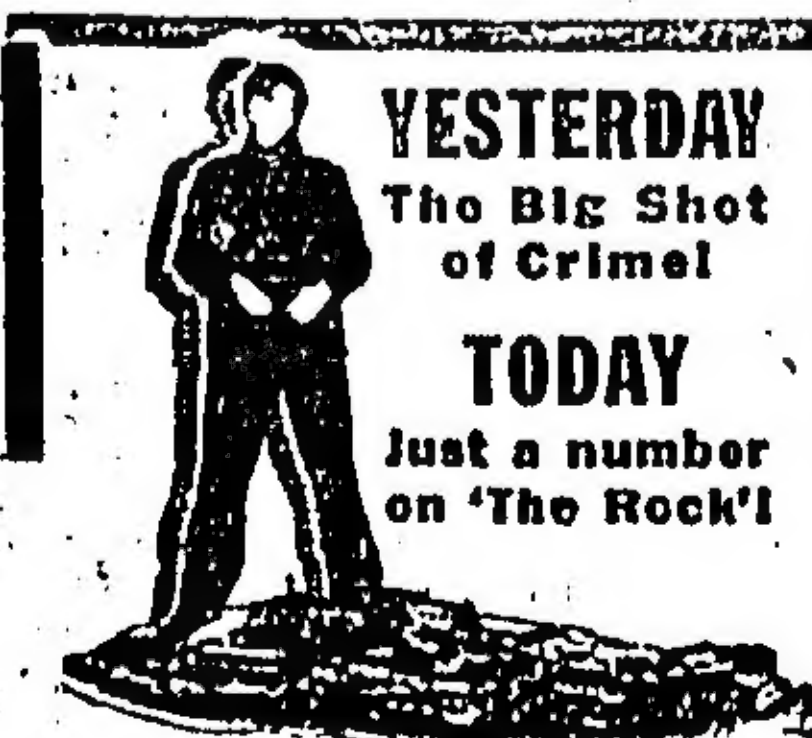
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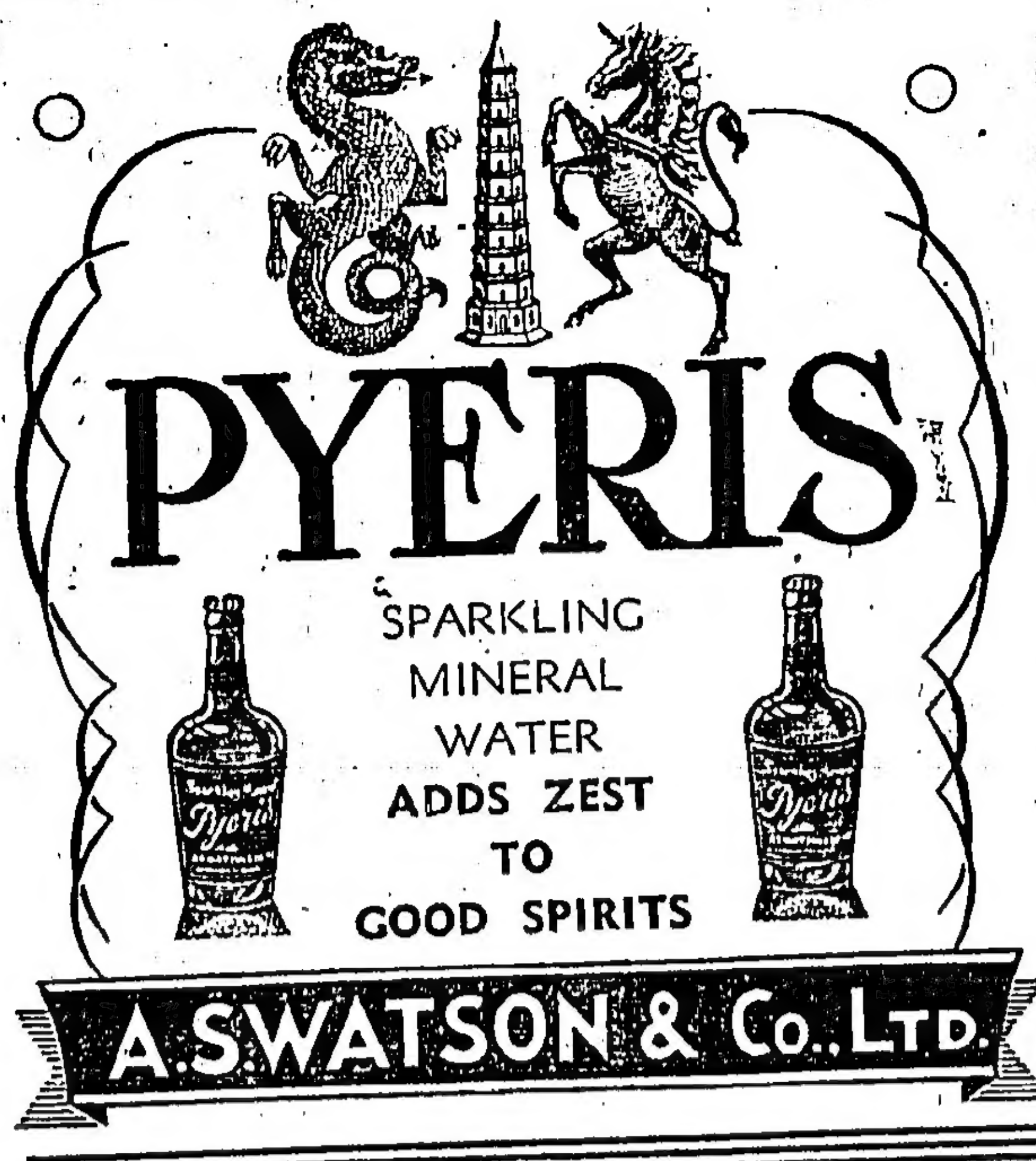
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GENIUS**

The result of the Austrian plebiscite is not an enormous surprise. But although the outcome was never in doubt, the overwhelming majority of the vote for the idea of "ein reich, ein fuhrer" is a little disconcerting to those who believed that a considerable proportion of the Austrian people at least did not relish the idea of *anschluss*. Unless one is prepared to believe that by some system of intimidation or restraint the plebiscite was controlled, or that the officials in charge have not revealed the true result of the poll, it must be supposed that Austria indeed is pleased, as a whole, with the political union with her larger neighbour. And because it takes a lively imagination to conceive of a system of intimidation or restraint or corruption sufficiently efficient to escape detection at some point, even those who do not like the idea of Austro-German unity must now prepare to admit that Austria is satisfied, has indeed got what her majority wanted all the time, it seems. Where are those thousands of the working classes who formerly were popularly supposed to hate the very name of Nazis? Did they, too, vote "yes"? It seems they must have done; for out of the 48,000,000 who went to the polls only a mere 452,000 had the temerity to record their unidentified opposition. One cannot help wondering, however, what would have been the result of the plebiscite Dr. Kurt Schuschnigg had planned. The Berlin allegation was that the rules would have prevented thousands of Nazis voting at all. And, of course, the Jewish citizens of Austria would have had the right to put their marks on the ballot-paper. Under Herr Hitler's direction the Jews did not have a vote. It seems a pity that the "occupation" of Austria had to be accomplished before this test of public opinion was carried out. How much more convincing it would have been had Austrians, as a free

# CATS

*There's a Boom in Them, &  
They're Changing Colour*

Declares

**GERALD BOWMAN, who owns 14**

**T**HERE'S a boom in cats. And I claim to have made a considerable contribution towards it. I own 14.

The free-roaming and free-of-tax cat has never been subject to the population restrictions that hedge around the licensed dog, but to-day the cat has a greater opportunity of increasing and multiplying than ever.

He is riding on a wave of popularity brought about by the growing disposition of people to live in small houses and flats. Though space is not ample, there is still the urge for a pet to grace the domestic hearth-rug—and the choice is more and more falling upon the cat.

So great is the demand that a pet census would probably reveal twice as many cats as dogs in the country to-day.

The cat himself is subtly changing, too—at least in outward appearance. How many tabbies have you seen lately? They have become almost rare, yet a few years ago this striped, tiger-like prowler was the most common of his tribe.

To-day the most popular colour of the domestic cat is blue, or, strictly speaking, a grey which holds a hint of blue. Actually the cat is a creature of far more colours than the rainbow. He may be clothed in coats of more than two dozen distinct hues, including orange, brown, silver, tortoise-shell, blue, and cream—besides the plebeian garb commonly worn by "the cat next door."

**Creature of Beauty**

**T**O me, even the most lowly of cats, with his lithic, native grace, his smooth coat, and his startled eyes, is a creature of beauty. But for sheer loveliness, what domesticated animal can surpass the aristocrats—the silky and languorous Persians, the blue-eyed, chocolate-and-fawn Siamese, the metallic blue Russians?

Next time you are awakened in anger by a midnight caterwauling, calm yourself with the reflection that in satisfying their taste for rodents, cats save Britain property amounting to £4,000,000 a year.

This kind of thought induces a proper respect for cat—a feeling

people, voted in a way favourable to the *anschluss* idea. As it is, even though common sense checks the suspicion, there will always be persons who believe that the plebiscite vote does not represent the true, free and fearless verdict of the whole nation.

Whatever the interpretation of this result, whatever the opinion of individuals may be about the justice of the German action in Austria's case, even those who have criticised most hotly will admit the impressive effect of this final act of Herr Hitler's modern political drama. There is no denying the genius behind the whole idea, the perfection of the timing of the coup, the sound psychological judgment not only of persons directly affected, but those near enough to feel the repercussions in any way. Yes, daring, efficiency and remarkable synchronisation on the part of the German strategists have assuredly been shown on this occasion. Their achievement may not make them any better loved or trusted, but it will earn them a further measure of respect.

That's a good age—but by no means a record. They have lived to be 26, 28, and even 30.

Undoubtedly cats are living longer nowadays than they used to do.

I am incurably romantic about cats. I have never ceased to admire their grace in leaping and pouncing, their sinuous speed, and their miraculous powers of hearing.

But it is in their character that I find a never-ending fascination. Nobody has yet plumbed the eternal mystery of cats.

They are unpredictable in their likes and dislikes, in their comings and goings.

No other animal can be so enthusiastically affectionate. None can hate with such a silent, uncanny aversion.

I like cats for their shyness—and for the discerning quality of their affection which they bestow only upon those who love them.

Yet always there remains that impenetrable reserve. They will eat your food, drink your milk, rub against your legs, but not far beneath the surface of their liking lurk ancestral memories of wilder days—memories still alive and vivid in the cat brain.

What a picture of savage beauty the cat presents when, angry, it lashes from side to side its long tail. And yet, how incomplete is the traditional picture of domestic felicity without a cat purring its pleasure on the hearth-rug.

**Dual Personality**

**T**HAT shows the gentler side of this animal with the dual personality. The cat will not be chained or tied like a dog; only if it pleases will it obey the voice of command; it demands the right to go out and come in wherever and whenever it pleases.

But what other animal shows such a touching attachment to its home? For cats to travel back from a new house to one recently vacated is common. They have been known to walk 250 or 300 miles, and to arrive in the last stages of exhaustion.

And with all their scarcely tamed ferocity, in no other domestic animal is the maternal instinct so highly developed. As a foster-mother the cat is unrivalled. She will not only nurse and feed orphans of her own species, but also motherless babies of her enemies and her victims. Many puppies, birds, even mice, having lost their mothers, have been kept alive through the mercy of a cat.

Cats are intelligent—more so than many a dog. Cats are heroic. Cats will never say die. The list of those who have saved human lives by giving the alarm in fires and other emergencies is a lengthy and a growing one.

All these things explain why I am an impatient lover of one of the most courageous, patient, and quick-thinking animals in the world. It explains why I have 14—and wouldn't part with one of them.

GRIN AND BEAR IT

By Lichty



*This is Easter week, and time to  
ask why don't we have  
FIXED CALENDARS*

By  
**George Malcolm  
Thomson**

**A** FIXED calendar! What a splendid vision does the phrase summon! Visions of a regularised, rationalised, standardised time-world, in which human reason will have triumphed over the brute facts of human passion and historical prejudice, and in which the shape of things to come will have lost half its terror since we will always be sure that, whatever happens, the first day of the month will be a Sunday.

Is such a sane and simple reform at last within our grasp? Hopes of it are premature. We deal here with intractable material, 25 in 1937, then it will be so also in 1938 and 1939 and so on to the year 2000.

It may be that the day has not yet dawned when every one of the thirteen months—every one of the thirteen months—will have twenty-eight days, as every right-thinking man must see it ought to have. It may be that even the cowardly compromise by which the twelve months are retained in a standardised form—it may be that even this paltry step towards the right is denied us.

**W**HAT is the difficulty? Why is it that civilised man is barred from a reform for which common sense overwhelmingly argues? The answer is, I regret to say, nature, the sun.

The year has 365 days; the cosmos does not use the decimal system. Now 365 is a number which cannot be divided evenly by seven, the number of days in the week, or by twelve, the number of months in the year.

This fact imposes an initial difficulty in the task of standardisation. It is not the only one. For the year has not 365 days at all, but, roughly speaking, 365 and a quarter. It is for this reason that we interpolated a twenty-ninth day in February this leap year. More difficulty. More confusion.

Even here the problem does not end. For although the year is 365 days and a quarter in length, roughly speaking, it is in fact 11 minutes and 14 seconds less in strict scientific fact.

Ignore those eleven minutes? Julius Caesar, who was a practical man, did ignore them when he took over the Egyptian calendar and imposed it on the Roman Empire. But the result was that the calendar year ran ahead of the solar year, the spring equinox receded from March 21 to March 11, and, if things had been allowed to drift for long enough, we should have been celebrating the longest day in the month of December.

In the year 1582, therefore, Pope Gregory took the matter in hand. He recalculated the calculation of leap year, and abolished ten days to make his reform effective. One hundred and seventy years later Britain adopted the reform at a cost of 11 days.

If, then, the calendar reformers have the highly respectable example of the Vatican to point to, it is also clear that they cannot in fact provide a neat even, symmetrical year. For they have to deal with a time-period which is sometimes 365 days long, an awkward fact, and sometimes 366, a still more awkward fact.

They are attempting to bring regularity into something which is, in its essential nature, irregular. Whatever they do, they must allow for the periodic intervention of leap year. As a result, they cannot, with the best will in the world, offer the millions now suffering under a changeable system of time-computation a complete relief from their perplexities.

What, then, is it they propose? There are two schemes which stand out from the 185 which were examined by a Committee of the League of Nations.

The first proposes to equalise three of the four quarters of the year so that each contains three months of 30, 30 and 31 days respectively. The fourth quarter would contain three months, of 30, 31 and 31 days.

Now, there is nothing to be said against such a plan except that it is so trifling in its benefits, if any, that one cannot see why anyone should trouble to bring it about. It exists, therefore, in a modified and infinitesimal form by which the extra 365th day, which falls in the fourth quarter, is abstracted, so to speak, from the year as a "Year Day" standing between the old and new years.

You get a year of exactly 52 weeks, of four equal quarters, with a blank day between each pair of years. If the last day of the year 1938 is Friday, December 31, then there follows Year Day, and after that, Saturday, January 1, 1937.

Under this scheme the date of the month always falls on the same day of the week. If Tuesday is March 23 in 1937, then it will be so also in 1938 and 1939 and so on to the year 2000.

And what of Leap Year? That wretched mischance is circumvented by the introduction of a "Leap Day" between June and July.

The advantages of this project are praised in ecstatic language by the American society which sponsors it. "It works in harmony with astronomy, the seasons, the compass, the zodiac, and the perfect division inherent in the traditional number TWELVE. It follows the prophetic design of 'that great city which had a wall great and high and had twelve gates'."

Besides, "it would not bring the calendar down to the low level of a changeless, dull routine."

Which last is to be regarded as a blow at the other American society which favours the rival method of reform—the thirteen-month year—each month of exactly 28 days, each month beginning on a Sunday and ending on a Saturday, and the extra month pushed in between June and July and called, with splendid faith, "Sol."

The difficulty of the 365th day remains. It is dealt with by the usual method of a "blank" Year Day between the years.

Now, to which of the two faiths are we to give allegiance? And must we become converted to any? Before these questions can be answered we must know who it is that demands the change and on what grounds?

"Unjust business differences" are caused by the inequalities in the quarters of years. Statisticians are incommoded in their comparisons of year with year.

If the millions are paid monthly they must in the five-Saturday months buy groceries for a fifth week out of an unvarying monthly allowance. If they are paid weekly, on Saturday, then they suffer hardship during a long month wherein only four Saturdays fall.

But, it may be asked, will the statisticians (whom we must all respect) really be benefited by an equalisation of the quarters, when in fact one day would be left out of reckoning? People would be born, die, earn and spend money on that day.

As for the Sol-worshippers, would thirteen months really be a convenient division of the year? You cannot divide thirteen into quarters. As the rival converts justly observe, "the whole universe would groan under a false division of time."



# NAVY ESTIMATES UP BY £1,600,000

Britain's Defence Total For 1938 Reaches Staggering All-Time Record

## 54 NEW SHIPS IN YEAR: FLEET AIR ARM

By Hector C. Bywater

THE Navy Estimates for 1938, reach a total of £123,707,000, an increase of £18,642,000 over last year.

This sum, with the £106,400,000 for the Army and £102,720,000 for the Royal Air Force, brings the total expenditure on defence to £332,827,000.

Of the gross amount for the Navy, £30,000,000 will be provided from the Consolidated Fund, under the terms of the Defence Loans Act, 1937, thus reducing the net total to be provided to £93,707,000.

Later in the year a Supplementary Estimate probably not exceeding £3,000,000, will be introduced to cover the cost of preliminary work on the new building programme, for which no provision is made in the estimates.

The personnel of the Navy is to be increased by 7,000, raising the total to 119,000 officers and men. Naval recruiting continues to be brisk, but training facilities remain a problem, as nearly all the establishments are full to capacity. During 1938 494 cadets and 6,427 boys will be under training.

**INCREASED ALL ROUND**  
With one minor exception, all the votes show increases. As compared with 1937, the Fleet Air Arm is to cost an extra £1,518,000, making a total of £5,718,000. New construction expenditure on the 1937 and earlier programmes shows an increase over last year of £7,895,375, and the maintenance and manning of the Fleet is to cost £9,120,025 more than last year.

The total bill for shipbuilding and repairs during the new financial year will be £40,881,100. Guns, shells, torpedoes and mines are to cost £10,392,000, an increase of £2,622,300.

Owing to the failure to obtain from Japan information as to the size of her ships, the designs of this year's battleships and large cruisers are still undetermined, and will not be settled until the present consultations with the United States and France are concluded.

It is possible, therefore, that the battleships will be substantially larger than the 35,000-ton type already building, while four of the seven cruisers may exceed the limit of 8,000 tons imposed by treaty.

The new construction programme includes: Two battleships, one aircraft carrier, four large cruisers. There is also to be one repair and service ship for the Fleet Air Arm.

**40 DESTROYERS BUILDING**  
In view of the fact that 40 destroyers are already under construction, the completion of which will give the Navy 14 modern flotillas, no destroyers are to be ordered in 1938.

In their place three mine-layers of the most modern type are to be built. The programme also includes depot ships for destroyers and submarines and a number of light craft, such as motor torpedo-boats.

It is authoritatively stated that good progress is being made with the transfer of Fleet Air Arm control from the Air Ministry to the Admiralty. The latter has worked out a complete scheme of air policy for the Fleet, and the decision to lay down another aircraft-carrier this year is a result of the scheme. Five large carriers are already building, and five older ships of this type are to be retained.

The personnel of the Fleet Air Arm is to be augmented by the entry of short-service special officers and by the training of ratings as aircraft pilots.

Excellent progress is being made with naval construction, as evidenced by the big increase in the vote. During this year the number of war vessels of all types to be completed, advanced, and laid down is 118, including:

5 battleships, 18 submarines, 17 cruisers, 40 destroyers, and 6 aircraft carriers.

In the course of the next 12 months 54 new vessels are due for completion, including five big cruisers, the 25,000-ton aircraft carrier Ark Royal, 16 super-destroyers, and 10 submarines.

A very large programme of reconstruction is also in hand. The battleship Rodney is to be refitted at a cost of £302,347. The battleships Queen Elizabeth and Valiant and the battle-cruiser Renown are being modernised, the last named at a cost of £2,792,000. Other vessels undergoing big refits are five cruisers and 18 destroyers.

## British Spy Ring Smashed By Secret Service Blonde

### NO ONE KNOWS WHO SHE IS

By Sean Fielding

Blonde "Miss X," trump card in Britain's counter-espionage service, sat in the Old Bailey library recently while in Mr. Justice Hawke's court three men whom her activities brought to justice were sentenced.

The men were: Percy Eded Glading, 45-years-old revolutionary, spy, and saboteur, of Warwick-avenue, South Harrow; six years' penal servitude.

Albert Williams (39), war-wounded examiner in the department of the Chief Inspector of Armaments at Woolwich Arsenal; four years; and George Whomack (54), frail-looking ex-counsellor, assistant foreman in Gun Section, Department of Naval Ordnance, Woolwich, of Olyffe-avenue, Welling, Kent; three years.

**"MISS X" SCREENED**  
"Miss X" did not appear in court; the three men entered "guilty" pleas to Official Secrets Act charges brought against them, and it was therefore not necessary for her to give evidence.

She was driven to the Old Bailey in a special car provided by the City police. It swept into the courtyard through the judges' entrance, and the huge wooden gates were closed before she stepped out of the car.

Throughout the police court hearing of the charges against Glading, Williams, and Whomack, "Miss X" was guarded by Secret Service men that guard was maintained yesterday, and it is not likely to be relaxed for many months. For she told how, collaborating with the Intelligence Service, she worked for Glading, helped him photograph documents which she afterwards identified as having been stolen from the Arsenal, met mysterious foreigners from Russia, Austria, and elsewhere.

Of this tall, good-looking girl, Mr. Justice Hawke said, "I think she must be possessed of an extraordinary courage, and I think she has done a great service to her country."

When the case ended, the wives of Whomack and Williams—both of them were in court and both sobbed bitterly as sentences were given—went to the cells to see their husbands. With them went a woman friend of Glading.

**REBEL AND WRECKER**  
To Glading, master mind in the underground activities of Communists in this country, Williams and Whomack owe their downfall. Let us reveal a report of his first time the full extent of Glading's career.

For more than 14 years he has been an important personality in the British section of the Communist International.

His first really big job was undertaken in 1924. He was sent as special emissary to explore the possibility of developing revolutionary agitation in India.

He arrived in India early in 1925 as "Mr. Cochran," and at a secret meeting in Amsterdam on July 11-12, 1925, he gave a report of his visit. Later, persons with whom he associated in India were convicted in the Meerut conspiracy trial—for conspiracy against the King-Emperor.

After his Indian adventure Glading devoted himself to industrial agitation in Britain, particularly among engineers. Probably about this time he turned his mind toward the possibility of espionage, for he—for the second time—obtained a job as an engineer at Woolwich Arsenal.

**LINK WITH SABOTEURS**  
All through 1932 he was concerned with the secret printing and distribution of an illegal and seditious Communist paper, the *Soldiers Voice*.

In mid-May, a year later, he was put in charge of a campaign for establishing Communist cells in factories in East London.

By the end of 1934 Glading was, with one exception, the most important Communist in Britain—he was a link between the open Communist Party and the sinister underground section responsible for espionage, sabotage, and seditious activity against the Services.

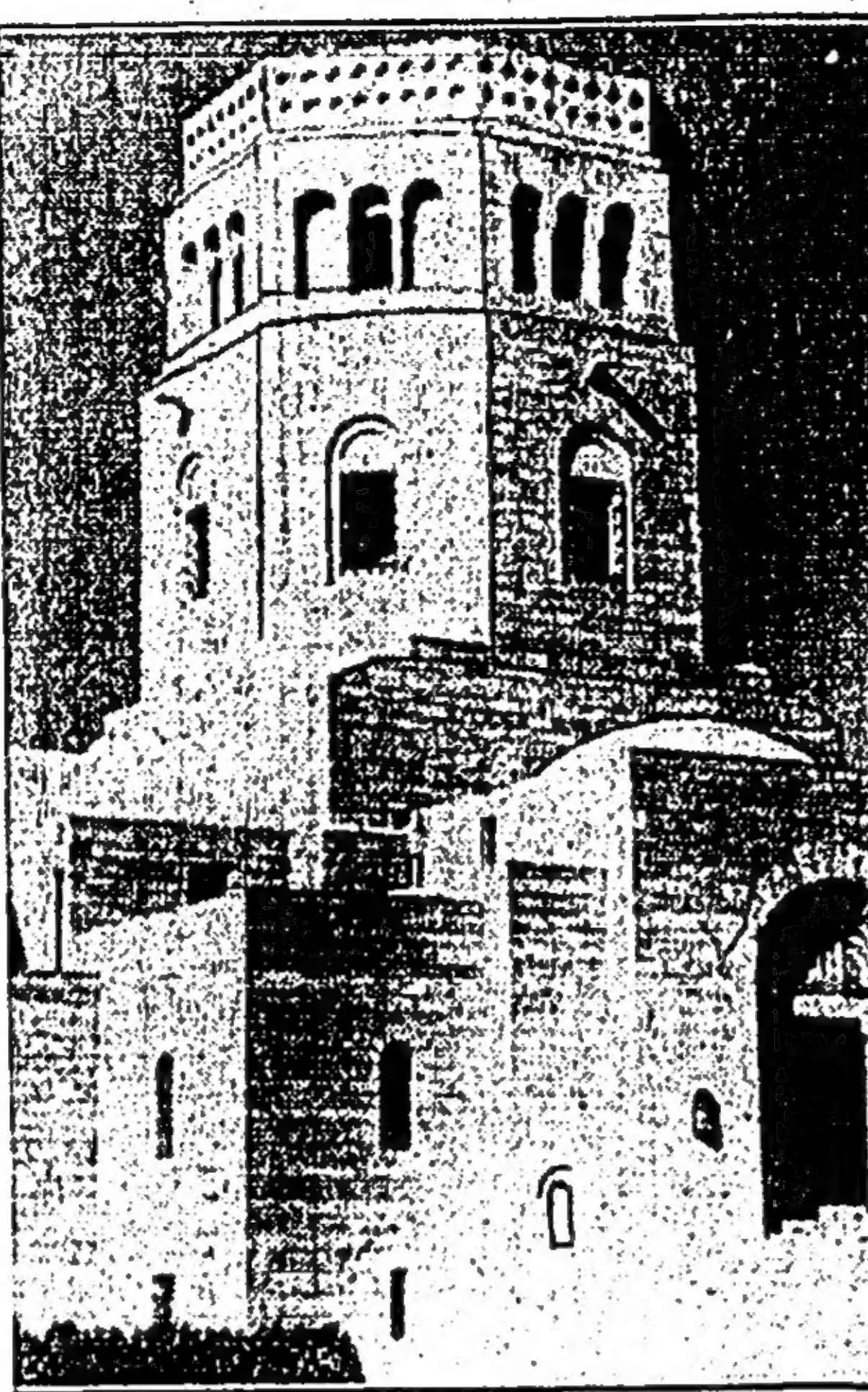
In the spring of 1935 the Communist Party issued a secret memorandum of instructions to all those who were to take part in the campaign to cause trouble in the defence industries; Glading was the author of the instructions, which were termed, "Arms and the Workers."

In the past 18 months he has been in charge of the espionage organization set up by the underground section of the Communist Party.

It is hoped shortly to conclude bilateral naval treaties with Denmark, Finland, Norway, Poland, Sweden and Turkey on the lines of those negotiated last year with Germany and Russia. The object is to bring all these Powers within the orbit of the London Treaty of 1930.

It is disclosed that in July last some minor points arising out of the Anglo-German naval agreement of 1935 were discussed between the two Governments and satisfactory settled.

## ROCKEFELLER GIFT TO HOLY LAND



ESTABLISHED to promote research in the Holy Land is this Rockefeller Museum for archaeology and antiquities, scheduled to be opened in Jerusalem some time in January. This view shows the entrance to the new building. The museum was made possible by a gift of U.S.\$10,000,000 by the late John D. Rockefeller.

## Britain's Deadly Bombers For Far East Vigil

BRITAIN'S FASTEST BOMBERS ARE BEING SENT IN LARGE NUMBERS TO IRAQ, EGYPT, AND THE SUDAN.

Whole squadrons of 280 m.p.h. Bristol Blenheims, the world's fastest bombers, are being stationed within an hour or two's flight of the Suez Canal.

Their great speed and heavy armament will make them the dread of any ground or naval forces that might consider attacking the Empire's most important artery.

In the event of any threat to the Canal, equipment and ammunition can be rushed to advanced landing grounds now being prepared near the lakes forming the canal.

**TERROR TO SUBMARINES**  
The Blenheims, which have deadly striking power, will be used to patrol the Red Sea and the eastern end of the Mediterranean.

Their heavy bombs will make them feared by submarines which are visible from the air even when submerged.

Heavy machine guns and other secret armament make the bombers equally dangerous to ground forces attempting landings on the desolate coast lines.

## £800 Nugget On Goldfield

For seven lean years, two brothers, Bert and Walter Cookson have "fossicked" for gold in the Ballarat district of Australia, making on an average less than the Australian basic wage for a working man.

Now, says *Austral News*, they have just unearthed a 99 oz. nugget. Their conversation at the moment of discovery was characteristically Australian:

Bert: That's a good lump.  
Walter: Yes.

And they tossed it to the ground and went on working. It is the largest nugget found in the immediate district since the days of the "roaring fifties."

Later, the brothers sold the gold to the royal mint for £800. Said Bert: "No, there'll be no celebration, I'll pay off a house I'm buying and Walter'll build one." Long silence.

And that was that.

## POM-POM AS AIR AID

A two-pounder pom-pom gun, capable of firing 100 rounds a minute, has been produced to answer the menace of swiftly-diving or gliding, low-flying enemy aircraft.

Mounted on a light carriage equipped with balloon tyres, it is a highly mobile weapon, says the *Daily Telegraph*. For the service of each gun there will be a detachment of five men.

It is calculated that targets travelling at between 150 to 200 miles an hour, and at an altitude of from 3,000 to 7,000 ft., will have to be engaged by these newly formed light anti-aircraft groups. This will demand gun crews composed of men with initiative, resource and activity.

**OPEN SIGHTS**  
To obtain efficient practice for this quick-firing gun, new ranges will have to be constructed with machine-gun targets at greatly increased speeds and with all kinds of approach. All possible forms of attack will be represented. It is hoped to give effective reply to surprise action.

It is assumed that armoured machines of the air will have to be dealt with so that the firing of armour-piercing projectiles will be taken into account.

The pom-pom has a good muzzle velocity which will reduce the time between the "present" and "future" positions of the target. To engage surprise diving targets a type of "open" sights has been devised.

## BOY OF 13 BALD

James Watson, aged 13, is as bald as the proverbial billiard ball and is the butt of his schoolmates. "Baldy" as they call him has been a bad offender because of this, and about the police court here to-day his father, James Watson, a labourer, of High Street, Belfast, was fined 7s. 6d. for the non-attendance.

The minor schoolmaster, Mr. J. J. McNeill, had a sympathy with the lad, but he must go to school. "As a concession," he said, "I'll let him wear his cap in school."

To-night the boy's mother said: "He lost his hair a year ago. I have taken him to two hospitals for treatment, but it has been in vain."

## RADIO BROADCAST

Gaston D'Aquino From The Studio LONDON RELAYS

Radio Programme Broadcast by ZBW on Frequencies of 845 kc/s, 0.52 m.c.s per second.

H.K.T. 12.0-12.20 p.m. Relay of Service of Intercession from St. John's Cathedral.

12.30 Songs by Elizabeth Schumann (Soprano). Der Hirt Auf Dem Felsen, Op. 129 (Chezy-Schubert).

12.40 Philadelphia Symphony Orch. Toccata And Fugue (Bach); Russian Folk Dances (Lindow); Tales From The Vienna Woods—Waltz (Johann Strauss); Blue Danube—Waltz (Johann Strauss)....Orchestra conducted by Leopold Stokowski.

1.0 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 Debroy Somers Band—Webster Booth (Tenor).

Lucky Break—Selection... Band. Serenade In The Night (Bixio, Cherubini and Kennedy); The Way You Look To-Night (From "Swing Time")... Webster Booth. The Big Broadcast—Selection... Band with the Carlyle Cousins and Dan Donovan. "Land Without Music"—Medley (O. Strauss)... Webster Booth.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.40 Rotary Tiffin Speech relayed from the Roof Garden of the Hongkong Hotel. Speaker, Dr. Erwin Reiller. Subject, "The Importance of Hongkong of a Knowledge of the Chinese Language."

2.15 Close Down.

6.0-7.0 Chinese Programme.

7.0 Dance Music.

Fox-Trots—Foolish Henri; Who Loves You... Ronnie Munro And His Dance Orchestra. I Dream Of San Marino; Let Me Dream Of Havana... Ronnie Munro And His Dance Orchestra.

7.12 Closing local Stock Quotations.

7.15 London Relay—"Detectives In Fiction".

The first of a series of dramatised detective stories. Each programme in this series will deal with a different detective in fiction whose exploits have made him famous.

1—Sherlock Holmes, and the adventure of Silver Blaze from the story by A. Conan Doyle. Adapted for broadcasting by Pascoe Thornton. Production by Leslie Stokes.

7.45 Musical Comedy Selections. "Lorna Rhapsody"—Vocal Selection (Carr and Kennedy)... The London Palladium Orchestra conducted by Jack Frere. "Crest Of The Wave"—Selection (Ivor Novello, arr. C. Prentice)... The Drury Lane Theatre Orchestra conducted by Charles Prentice, Mus. Dir.

8.0 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.02 Studio—Gaston D'Aquino (Tenor) and E. O'Neill Shaw (Piano). 1. Ch'ella mol creda ("Fanciulla del West"—Puccini); 2. Piano Solo—Romance (Giletti)... E. O'Neill Shaw; 3. Mi Volejo Amor (Perez Freire—Request); 4. A Vucchella (Tosti); 5. Povero Pulcinella (Buzzi)—Pecchi.

8.22 B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra. Overture "Light Cavalry" (Suppe) Orchestra conducted by Adrian Boult.

8.30 London Relay—"Escape"—1. First hand accounts by Prisoners of War. J. R. Ackley sets the scene.

8.40 A Spanish Programme. "Three Corners Hat" Suite (De Falla). 1. The Neighbours; 2. The Miller's Dance... New Light Symphony Orchestra conducted by Dr. Malcolm Sargent. L'Amour Sorcier (Manuel de Falla). "Danse De La Frayeur Et Recit Du Pecheur"; Danse Rituelle Du Fen... Ricardo Vines.

8.50 Lagan Relay—"The Microphone At Large".

With S.P.B. Mals. A visit to Southam, Warwickshire. A programme arranged by David Greeting.

10.30 Variety and Dance Music. Vocal—"The Touch Of Your Lips" (R. Noble); "The Glory Of Love" (Billy Hill)... Billy Gibbons and His Boy Friends. Accordion—"There's A Gold Mine In The Sky" (Kennedy); Band—"Whirling Gipsy" (From "Command Performance")... Primo Scala's Accordion Band with vocal Chorus, Orchestra—Cuckoo Waltz (Jonnsson); Brightie (Moretti); Vocal—"I'll Sing Dance Orchestra. Vocal—"I'll Sing You A Thousand Love Songs (From "Cala and Mabel"); Serenade In The Night (Kennedy)... Mario Henri. (The Roaming Troubadour). Orch.—Serenade from "Fragrante" (Lohar); Valouille-Tango (Gade)... Radio Room And His Orchestra.

11.0 Close Down.



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## HUNTING SPECIFIC FOR ILLS

Paris, Apr. 11. There has been no sign of settlement of the labour troubles in the Paris district in spite of the disappearance of M. Blum's Socialist Government which may have improved the situation.

The new Finance Minister, M. Marchandeau, stated that finance was at the root of all France's problems. He added that he would do his utmost to place the country's finances on a sounder basis—*Reuter's Bulletin*.

**APPEAL TO NATION**  
Paris, April 11. M. Daladier has summoned an initial meeting of the Cabinet to map plans to bolster international influence and settle the labour disturbances to cope with the grave financial crisis. He has appealed for national support.

It is understood that he intends to demand extraordinary powers for at least six months. It is believed that he will take his policies before the Parliament this week—*United Press*.

**EFFECT IN LONDON**  
Quiet Reception on The Exchange Market.

London, Apr. 11. France's new Government met with a most quiet reception on the foreign exchange market this morning. Some applaud the speed with which M. Daladier has formed the Cabinet. Others fear primarily that the new Government will cover the spot, rising to a price of 180.00 as compared with 161.18 at the close on Saturday.

On the other hand, while there is a unanimous desire in London for foreign credits to be the subject of French political history, doubt exists whether M. Daladier's early monetary basis is broad enough—*Reuter*.



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## SPARE MOMENT PAGE

## THE BRIDE WORE RED

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**Synopsis:** Count Armello, one of the old aristocrats of Trieste, visits a waterfront cafe and there meets Anna, an entertainer. On a sudden whim, he decides to marry her. He will send the girl to a fashionable hotel at Terrento, plus her clothes and money and to prove to his friend, Rudi Fal, that only chance makes people what they are. But he warns Anna that at the end of two weeks, the adventure will be over. At the Terrento station Anna meets Gullio, the postman. She is interested in him but forgets him immediately when she sees Rudi Fal, who is her admirer. Then, five minutes later, she discovers that her maid is Maria, an old acquaintance at the cafe.

## Chapter Three

"Anna," Maria cried. "Oh, it's fine to see you again." Suddenly, Anna felt her coldness vanish. It was good, good, to meet someone who had once been fond of her, to see a dear, well-remembered face. They flew into each other's arms with the fervor of old friendship, drew apart, babbled at each other simultaneously, then moved to the bed and flounced upon it. Then Anna proceeded to tell her about Count Armello's visit to the Corallera.

"But after the two weeks?" Maria said quietly. "What then?" For a second, Anna felt her throat constrict. Then she laughed. "Why, I'll think about it then. Tell me about yourself. What brought you to Terrento? The police? Religion?" Maria looked at her placidly. "I'm

happy here, Anna. I wash dishes, scrub floors and work from morning till night. Yet for the first time in my life, I'm truly happy. Can you believe that? One night at the bar I looked into a mirror. I was frightened. Wrinkles, lines, I saw my finish. So here I am. It's as good to have you here Maria. I've had to be so careful, so correct," Anna laughed gaily. She felt exactly like a fat woman with her corsets off.



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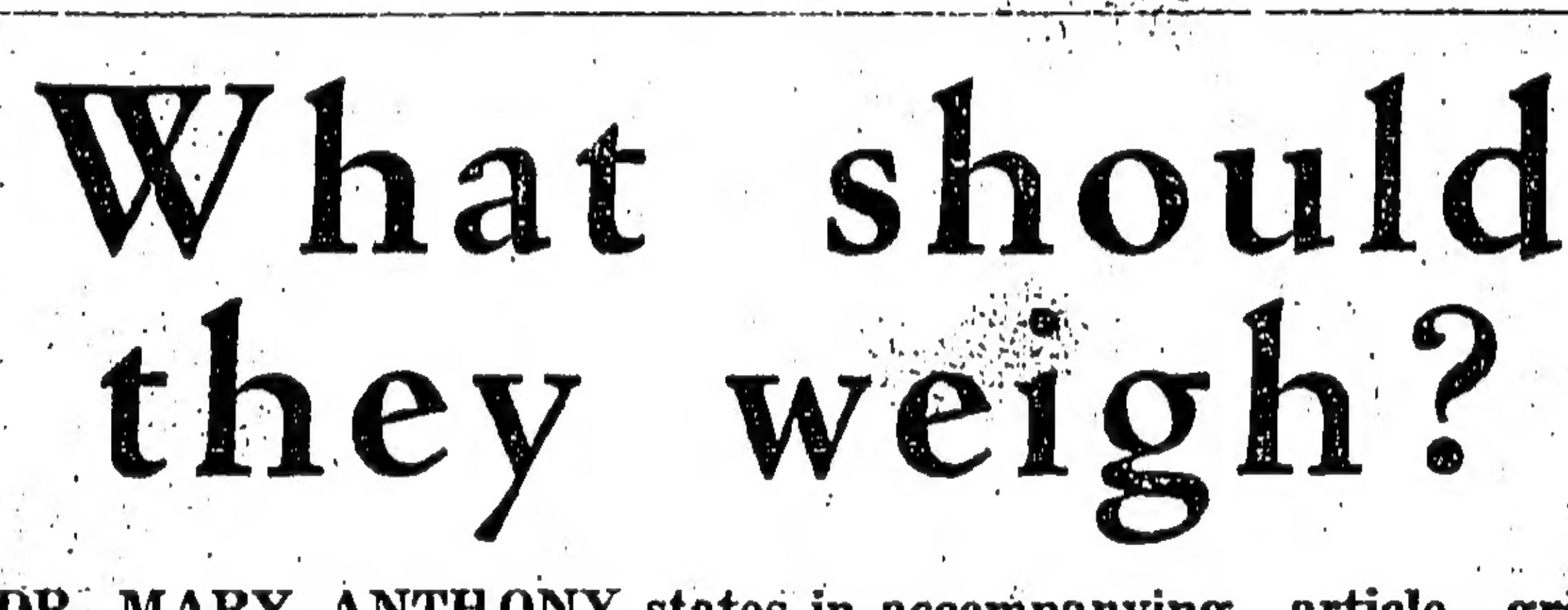
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## HOW IT BEGAN

By Paul F. Berdanier



**POSTAL MONEY ORDERS**  
TO ACCOMMODATE ENGLISH PEOPLE IN REMITTING SMALL SUMS BY MAIL, A BRITISH POSTAL SERVICE LAW WAS PASSED IN 1791 BY WHICH POSTMASTERS WERE ALLOWED TO RECEIVE SMALL SUMS OF MONEY FOR WHICH THEY ISSUED DRAFTS—THE BEGINNING OF POSTAL MONEY ORDERS.



**A CHAIRMAN**  
IN EARLY DAYS, BECAUSE CHAIRS WERE EXPENSIVE, ONLY PRESIDING OFFICERS SAT AT GROUP MEETINGS—ALL OTHERS STANDING. HENCE THE TERM "CHAIRMAN" TO MEAN ANY PRESIDING OFFICER OF A COMMITTEE OR CONVENTION.

**What should they weigh?**  
As DR. MARY ANTHONY states in accompanying article, growth tables cannot be a hard and fast rule: but here are the standard tables to serve as a general guide

BOY				GIRLS			
Age	Height Inches	Weight lb. oz.		Age	Height Inches	Weight lb. oz.	
5 years	41.8	41 2		5 years	41.3	39 11	
6 "	43.8	45 3		6 "	43.4	43 5	
7 "	45.7	49 2		7 "	45.5	47 8	
8 "	47.8	53 14		8 "	47.6	52 0	
9 "	49.7	59 3		9 "	49.4	57 2	
10 "	51.7	65 5		10 "	51.3	62 0	
11 "	53.3	70 3		11 "	53.4	68 13	
12 "	55.1	76 14		12 "	55.9	78 5	
13 "	57.2	84 13		13 "	58.2	88 11	
14 "	59.3	94 14		14 "	60.9	98 6	
15 "	61.3	107 2		15 "	61.1	100 2	
16 "	63.0	121		16 "	61.6	112	

**BOY**  
Age 5 years Height 41.8 inches Weight 41 2 lb. oz.  
Age 6 " Height 43.8 inches Weight 45 3 lb. oz.  
Age 7 " Height 45.7 inches Weight 49 2 lb. oz.  
Age 8 " Height 47.8 inches Weight 53 14 lb. oz.  
Age 9 " Height 49.7 inches Weight 59 3 lb. oz.  
Age 10 " Height 51.7 inches Weight 65 5 lb. oz.  
Age 11 " Height 53.3 inches Weight 70 3 lb. oz.  
Age 12 " Height 55.1 inches Weight 76 14 lb. oz.  
Age 13 " Height 57.2 inches Weight 84 13 lb. oz.  
Age 14 " Height 59.3 inches Weight 94 14 lb. oz.  
Age 15 " Height 61.3 inches Weight 107 2 lb. oz.  
Age 16 " Height 63.0 inches Weight 121 lb. oz.

**GIRLS**  
Age 5 years Height 41.3 inches Weight 39 11 lb. oz.  
Age 6 " Height 43.4 inches Weight 43 5 lb. oz.  
Age 7 " Height 45.5 inches Weight 47 8 lb. oz.  
Age 8 " Height 47.6 inches Weight 52 0 lb. oz.  
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Age 10 " Height 51.3 inches Weight 62 0 lb. oz.  
Age 11 " Height 53.4 inches Weight 68 13 lb. oz.  
Age 12 " Height 55.9 inches Weight 78 5 lb. oz.  
Age 13 " Height 58.2 inches Weight 88 11 lb. oz.  
Age 14 " Height 60.9 inches Weight 98 6 lb. oz.  
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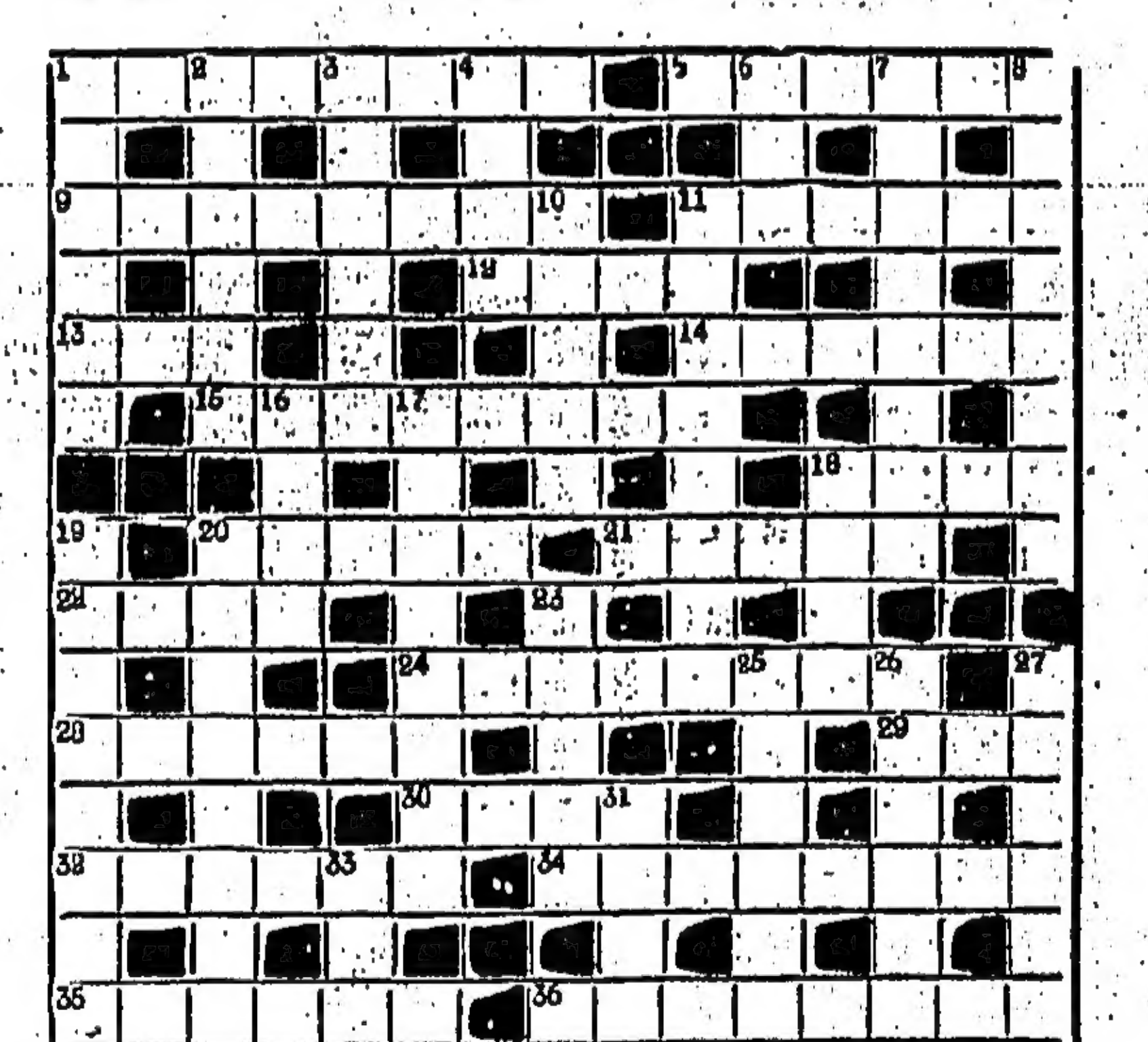
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5 A small-headed bat tailed insect (6).  
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11 Wise motorists seldom start out without a this (6).  
12 This dictum is no expression of goodwill (4).  
13 Exclamation of disgust (3).  
14 The start of many a speech (6).  
15 Grace (8).  
18 She is always found in the best circles (4).  
20 A little Maclintosh (5).  
21 "Men at some time are masters of their—" ("Julius Caesar") (5).  
22 The state of mind that reversed the verdict (4).  
24 A period of work for a labourer but not rest for the bowler (8).  
28 An English martyr (8).  
29 A source of spirits perhaps (3).  
30 Joint from an animal (4).  
32 Leave (6).  
34 The bowler who is this may be freely hit (8).  
35 Monster useful to have when driving down a steep hill (6).  
36 Violate in some hair (8).

**DOWN**  
1 Is it for their support that high-women commit this crime? (6).  
2 German poet (8).  
3 A bird complaint? (8).  
4 Expression of a time-limit perhaps (4).  
6 The head of 26 down (8).  
7 Truce (6).  
8 Was this artist no prophet at last? (6).

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## NAVAL RATINGS AS AIR PILOTS

ENTRIES TO START NEXT MONTH

### DUAL TRAINING FOR OFFICERS

Naval ratings of the seaman, signal and telegraphist branches are now eligible to serve as pilots in the Fleet Air Arm. This innovation, long desired by the Admiralty and now made possible by the transfer of Fleet Air Arm administration control to that department, was announced recently in Fleet Orders.

The first entry of 20 ratings, with the grade of Able-seaman or Leading-seaman, will start training on May 1. The men selected will be between 21 and 24 years of age. On qualification they will be known as "rating pilots"—corresponding to the sergeant-pilots of the R.A.F.

The initial training period of 12 months will be spent on shore followed by eight weeks in an aircraft-carrier.

Successful candidates will be advanced to the grade of pilot officer with substantive pay as such. In addition there will be the following non-substantive pay per day: While under training, 2s. 9d.; on qualifying as rating pilots, 5s.; air duty (non-flying) allowance, 8d.

Uniform will be that of the seaman branch.

Another announcement stated that, following an agreement between the Air Ministry and the Admiralty, a limited number of R.A.F. officers with short-service commissions are to be selected for appointment to similar commissions in the Air Branch of the Navy.

#### OFFICERS' SCHEDULE

The training schedule for officers of the Navy's new Air Branch, the first entries to which will begin next month, was also announced. It will start with three months' preliminary training at Devonport to introduce the officers to naval living conditions, traditions and discipline, as well as to warships and naval weapons.

From Devonport the officers will be sent to civil and R.A.F. training schools for 10 months' instruction in flying.

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Having completed his specialised training, the Air Branch Officer will be appointed to a carrier or a catapult ship at home or abroad, where he will perform all flying duties.

### ARMY SCHOOLS FOR BOYS

The Army is to spend £1,500,000 to provide technical training facilities for boys. With the advance of modern science the composition of the Army has changed greatly, necessitating the introduction of up-to-date stores, equipment and mechanical vehicles.

For their maintenance numbers of skilled men are needed. This demand was anticipated 14 years ago, and a technical training school was established at Chesham. Instruction has been given to several thousand boys who have since passed into the Army.

Further training facilities are now necessary if the Army is to be fully recruited with skilled men. The proposal now is to build schools in various Commands, as follows:

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Northern Command .....	£220,000
Southern Command .....	£310,000
Bentley, Western Command .....	£370,000
Bovington .....	£50,000
Jersey is included in the Aldershot Command. The barracks there are to be adapted as a school.	

## Japan Planes In Russian Territory

Moscow, Apr. 11.

The Soviet Embassy in Tokyo has been instructed to protest to the Japanese Government regarding the alleged violation to-day of the Soviet frontier by Japanese planes.

It is stated that eleven Japanese planes flew for several miles into Soviet territory in the Grodekovo region of Eastern Siberia, and were driven off by Soviet pursuit planes, who forced one Japanese machine to land in Soviet territory.—Reuter.

## STOP PRESS NEWS

### LA SALLE STUDENT MISSING

Police are scouring Hongkong for Victor Garcia, seventeen-year-old student of La Salle College.

He has been missing from his home since April 4. According to a report made by his mother, who resides at 478 Chatham Road, Kowloon, the youth failed to return from school on the afternoon of April 4, and has not been seen since then.

### SURPRISE ATTACK ON CHUFU

Hsuechow, April 12.

Once more applying their favourite tactics, Chinese regular and guerrilla forces launched surprise attacks on Chufu on the Tientsin-Pukow Railway in Shantung, and Ningyang northwest of Yenchow on the same railway, under cover of darkness on Sunday night.

Sealing the city walls with ladders, the Chinese troops broke into the "lilies" and engaged the Japanese. Hand-to-hand fighting, featured by the hurling of hand grenades, the thrusting of bayonets and the wielding of big swords, ensued. Many Japanese soldiers were driven to the ends of narrow lanes or into civilian houses. They were either shot or disarmed.

The Japanese aerodrome at Ningyang was attacked by a Chinese unit. More than 10 Japanese guards were killed and a large quantity of gasoline set on fire.

About 400 piculs of Japanese army provisions at Chufu were also seized.—Central News.

## Stock Market Cheerful

London, Apr. 11.

The Stock Exchange was more cheerful following a sharp week-end rally on Wall Street, together with the calmer European situation, especially the French political atmosphere.

Industrials attracted most attention, chiefly heavies and breweries. Cable and Wireless ordinary stocks had an exceptional fall of five points to 68½, following profit taking on publication of the rate reorganisation scheme.

Commodities generally opened better, but reacted finally, owing to a disappointing opening in New York.—Reuter Special.

### EUROPEAN REPORTED STABBED

Mr. J. T. Gray, second officer of the Japanese Prince, was stabbed last night aboard his vessel.

The ship is lying alongside at Taikoo Docks. Mr. Gray is at present in Queen Mary Hospital, with a stab wound in his left shoulder, according to a report with the police. But on inquiries at the hospital no record of Mr. Gray's arrival could be found.

The hospital authorities told the Telegraph this morning that police called to question Mr. Gray but that he had apparently not arrived. It is understood from the police that a Malayan has been arrested in connection with the stabbing.

Later, Mr. Gray was not badly hurt in the fight aboard his ship. He has made contact with the police.

### BURGLARS BREAK INTO KOWLOON JEWELLERY SHOP

Burglars last night ransacked the establishment of the Abdul Jewellery Company, 8 Peking Road, Kowloon, successfully making off with a large quantity of jewellery, value of which is not yet estimated.

Police reports indicate that entrance into the shop was gained through a broken window.

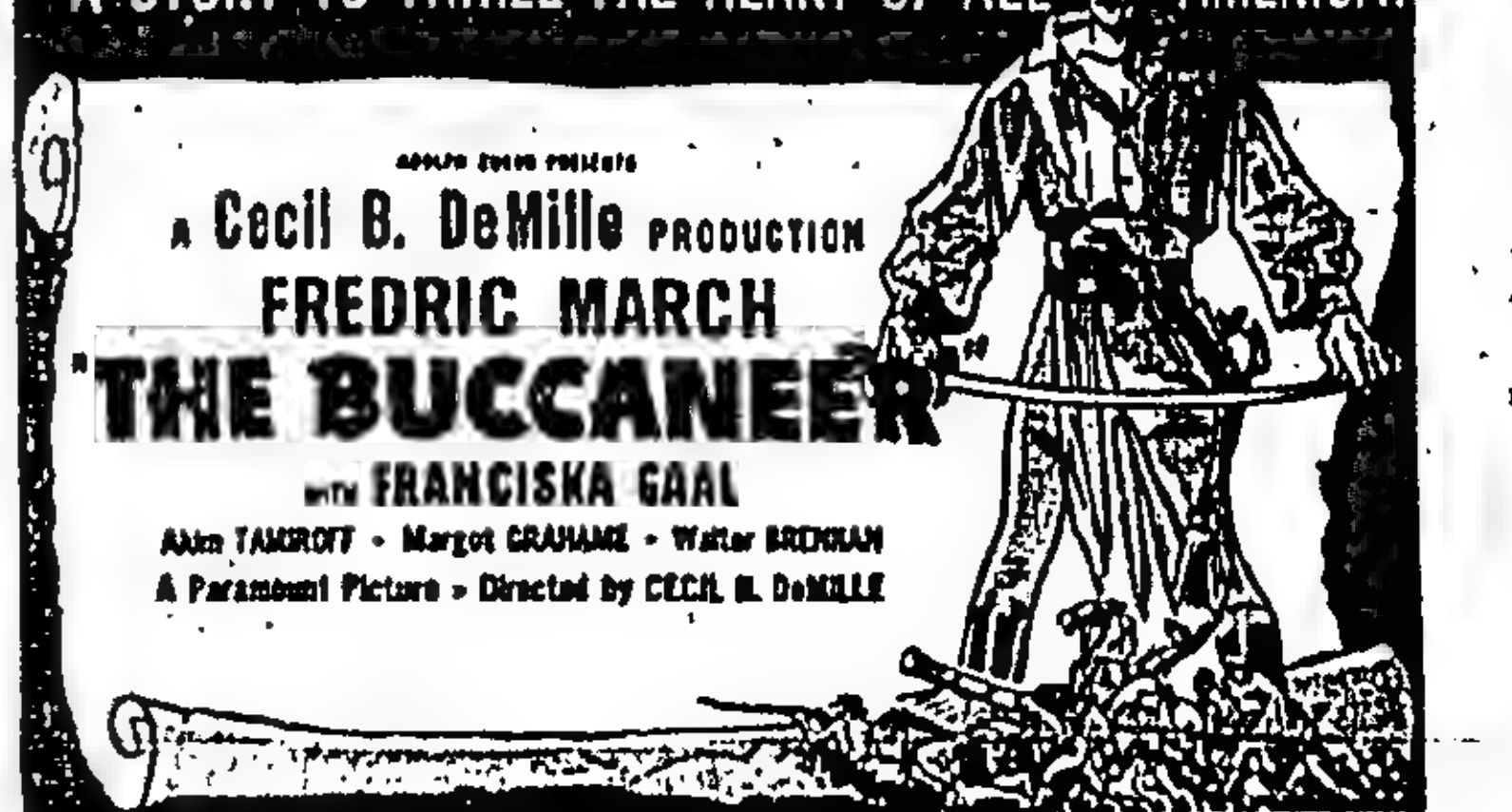
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## JAPANESE OVERTURE FOR PEACE

Intimated Attitude Would Be Lenient

London, Apr. 11.

It is understood from good authority that Japan recently unofficially suggested to Britain to use her influence to induce China to propose peace negotiations, intimating that Japan was prepared to be very lenient.

Japan suggested that there was no need for America to be invited to take parallel action in the British mediation. The British reply was that America could not be ruled out in view of her interests in the Far East. Britain naturally must keep Washington informed of all steps. There the matter for the moment rests.

It is understood that the Chinese attitude is that China is always ready to discuss peace on reasonable lines, but an indispensable condition is that all Japanese troops must be withdrawn from Chinese territory.—Reuter.

#### TALKS IN TOKYO

Tokyo, Apr. 11.  
Sir Robert Craigie, British Ambassador, had an interview with Mr. Toki Hirota, Foreign Minister, to-day. It is understood that the general situation in China was discussed. Chinese currency and other issues are also believed to have been touched on.

Later the Ambassador saw Mr. Horinouchi, Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs in connection with the Shanghai Customs issue.—Reuter.

#### SHANGHAI LUNCHEON

Shanghai, Apr. 11.  
Vice-Admiral Sir Percy Noble, Commander-in-Chief China Station, lunched with the Japanese Commander-in-Chief, Vice-Admiral Hasegawa, aboard the flagship Idzumi to-day.  
Brigadier-General A. P. B. Telfer, Smollett was also present.—Reuter.

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## CHINESE RECOVER KEY CITIES

### VICTORIES CLAIMED IN SWIFT DRIVE

Chufu and Ningyang Fall in Succession

JAPANESE POSSESSION OF YHSIEN PRECARIOUS

(Special to "Telegraph")

Tungshanku, Apr. 11.

To-night a spokesman of General Li Chung-jen's headquarters told me a combined force of Chinese regulars and militia had recovered Chufu, the birthplace of Confucius, and also Ningyang, ten miles west of Chufu, both important Shantung towns. Tawenkow, south of Yenchow, and also on the Tientsin-Pukow railway, was recovered last night. The railway bridge was destroyed.

Meanwhile, very fierce fighting is raging in the mountains south of Yhsien and 15 miles north of a place called Taierschung (according to the cabled spelling) where Chinese troops are pursuing Japanese. But last night the Japanese in this sector received over 1,000 reinforcements.

The Japanese are reported to be preparing to evacuate Yhsien. The situation at Hanchung, 30 miles north of Hsuehchow, on the Tientsin-Pukow railway, is quiet. The Japanese are still holding the city. The Japanese left flank remains north of Linyi, where advance was checked three weeks ago. Many observers expect a new and heavy struggle on this front.

#### Path Of Reinforcements

It is thought that this is the most logical way for reinforcements to come from Tientsin and it is rumoured that two divisions are actually on their way. The Chinese spokesman doubted the truth of the reports of these divisions' movements.

The spokesman also scouted the possibility of the Japanese attempting a drive from the right flank from Tientsin towards the Lunghai railway line, pointing out the insecurity of the Japanese rear along the Tientsin-Pukow railway.

#### Confirms Entry Of Tsinan

The spokesman confirmed that Chinese troops had entered parts of (Continued on Page 7.)

### Japan Canard Of Chiang's Death Refuted

Said To Have Been Killed In Raid On Changsha

Hankow, Apr. 12. An official statement was issued this morning, which said: "The Japanese report that Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, Mr. T. V. Soong, and General Chang Chih-chung were killed, is absolutely groundless. There was no political meeting at Changsha on Sunday. The Generalissimo gave a dinner party at Hankow on Sunday evening when he was supposed to be dead. Mr. T. V. Soong went to Hongkong last Thursday. Last year the Japanese reported that the Generalissimo was killed at Nanchang, but the next day he received foreign correspondents at Nanchang. The original report of the Generalissimo's death was made in a Tokyo broadcast, which said that he had been killed during an air raid on Changsha. United Press.

### JAPANESE CONTINUE TO DENY REVERSES

Decline To Discuss Shantung Position

Peiping, Apr. 12.

A Japanese spokesman announced this morning that considerable mopping-up operations had been carried on in Shantung since April 6, including the occupation of Tsinhsien, "which was formerly the base of the Communists under General Chu Teh", and the occupation of Hsiangyuan, both of which were effected on April 10.

The spokesman said that General Yen Hsi-shan, who fled to Shensi on April 3, had now returned to Shantung to reorganise his army. The spokesman said it was believed that General Yen had been employed by his Chief of Staff to drop his anti-Japanese collaboration with the Communists, but Yen had refused.

The spokesman refused to discuss the Shantung front, reiterating a denial of the Chinese claims of success. United Press.

### Weird Story Of Salute To China's Arms

Shanghai, Apr. 12. Unconfirmed Chinese reports from Nanchang, state that an unidentified British gunboat, off Kiukiang, fired a salute celebrating the Chinese victories in southern Shantung, after which the commander of the ship visited the Chinese military headquarters at Kiukiang and offered his congratulations. Local naval officials doubt the veracity of the report. United Press.

### MACAO HEARS FIRING

Macao, Apr. 12. Heavy firing was audible in Macao yesterday. The significance was realised but no definite word of the effect of the bombardment has been received. For three hours the firing continued, finally ceasing at 10 a.m.

It is believed Japanese destroyers were bombarding villages in the Pak Chiu district, about 25 miles south-west of Macao. It is not known whether any landing was attempted. Windows rattled throughout the city all morning and people went about with the strange sense on which speaks of constant listening. Our Own Correspondent.

#### GUNFIRE HEARD IN PEIPING, TIENTSIN

Hankow, Apr. 12. Gunfire is audible almost every night in the suburbs of Peiping and Tientsin.

Chinese guerrillas, according to a message, are at present, especially active at Hsiachuan in the neighbourhood of Tientsin. Night searches of civilian houses are frequently conducted by the police of the two cities. Central News.

#### CHINESE NEAR PAOTAO

Hankow, Apr. 12. Chinese troops under the command of General Ma Chao-shan, hero of the Nomon River operations, have reached the vicinity of Paotao, according to a foreigner who just arrived from Suifu. Japanese planes bombed the Chinese troops concentrated there on April 5, the foreigner revealed. Central News.

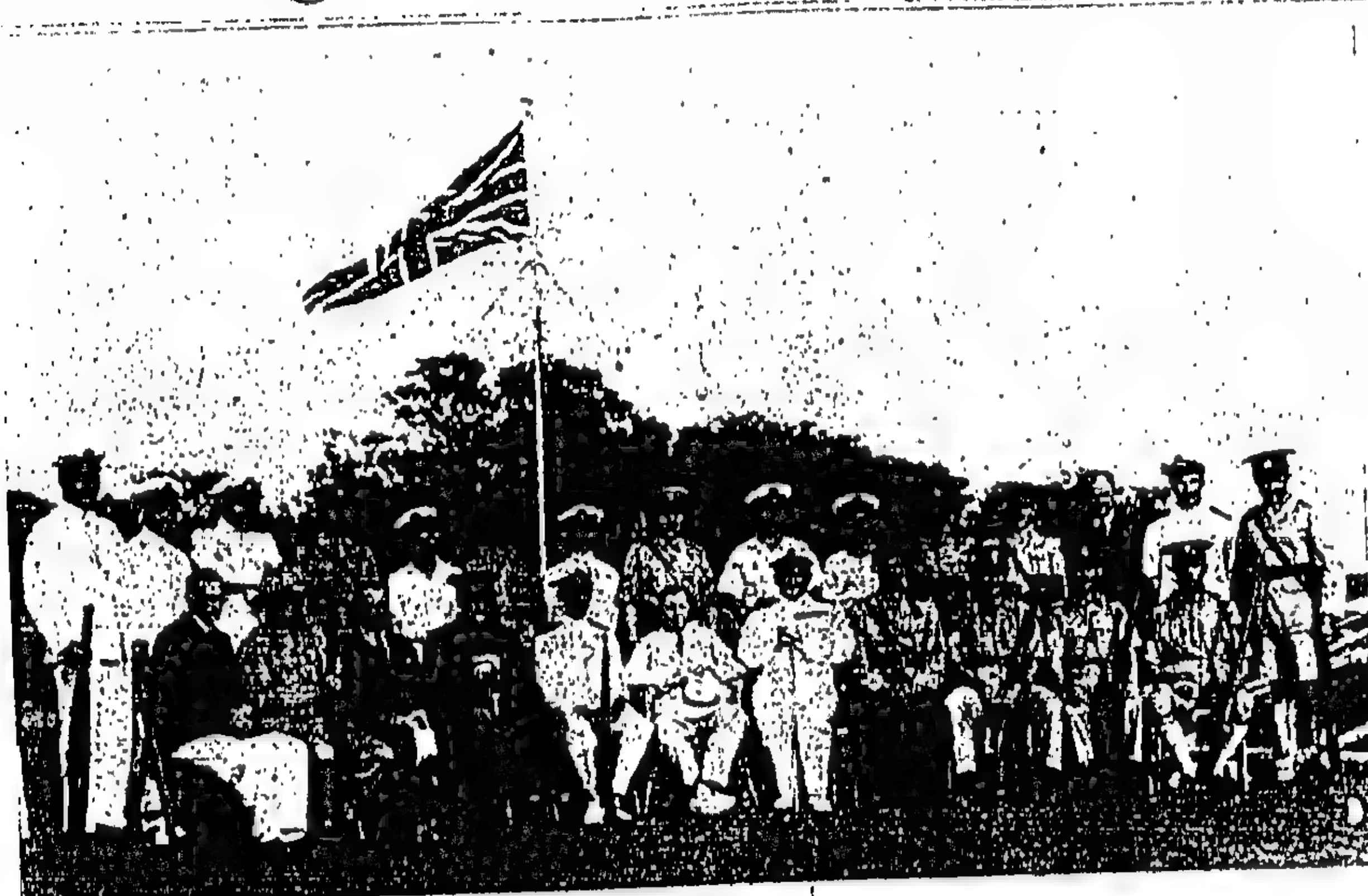
### 800 Captives On Way To Hankow

Chengchow, Apr. 12. Under armed escort more than 800 Japanese captives recently captured at Tachowang are on their way to Hankow, where they will be detained. They passed through here last night, from Hsuehchow. A large quantity of war booty will also be brought to Hankow for exhibition. Central News.

### SEEK LOAN TO AID CHINESE FARMERS

Peiping, Apr. 12. A Dornier report says that the Mengchian Political Council has asked the Industrial Bank for a loan of 2,000,000 yuan at 7 1/2 per cent. interest to finance the farmers' spring sowing. United Press.

## Insurgents Pay Heavily for Successes



The official photograph taken at the conclusion of yesterday's Third Annual Prize Meeting of the Hongkong Rifle Association. Sitting from left to right are: J. Hargreaves (Hon. Treasurer), Inspector A. L. Hopkins (H.K.F.), joint second in the Governor's Prize with Sgt. V. Cooper, Middlesex Regt.; Col. N. M. S. Irwin, G.S.O.1. H.E. the G.O.C. Major General A. W. Bartholomew, Comd. Gnr. A. Moody, R.N., winner of the Governor's Prize; H.E. the Governor, Commodore E. B. C. Dickson, R.N., Major G. P. Murray and Sgt. V. Cooper. Also in the photograph are the remainder of the 20 who qualified to shoot for the Governor's Prize.

### DENIES PROFITING ON ARBITRARILY INCREASED PRICES

### Cement Company Selling Product to Government For Fortifications

Reporting a satisfactory profit for the year just passed, Mr. J. H. Taggart, presiding at the annual meeting of the shareholders of the Green Island Cement Company to-day, declared the firm had not taken advantage in any way of the abnormal conditions existing at this time.

The absence of competition from cheap foreign products, he said, had been an advantage. And the contracts with the Governments concerned for work being done on fortifications of British possessions had been of assistance.

Mr. Taggart warned, however, that because of the increase of cost of materials and the fact that large contracts were on the books, they might have to face a loss on some of them. However, he hoped that future contracts would counteract this possible disadvantage.

Those present were: Messrs. Taggart, T. E. Pearce, A. L. Shields, and Li Tse-fong (Directors); T. C. T. Beck (Secretary); B. Wong-tape, A. Nissim, Hon. Mr. T. N. Chau, Lau Shiu-tuen, Mr. T. Yu-yun, Fung Kwok-wa, M. A. Figueiredo, Choa Po-min, Wong Man-ching, P. H. Suckling, E. Abraham, and F. E. Silva.

The Chairman said:

The report of your directors and statement of accounts for the financial year ended December 31, 1937, having been in your possession for the prescribed period, I will, with your permission, treat them as read. Turning to the accounts you will note, by reference to the debit side of the profit and loss account, that, after making the usual provision for directors' and auditors' fees, charitable donations, and paying compensation to Messrs. Shewan, Tomes & Co. in respect of the matter of relinquishing by mutual consent, the representation of this Company in China, the balance of the profit and loss for the year stands at \$470,995.07, which, together with the sum of \$22,408, brought forward from the year 1936, makes an amount of \$493,403.07. (Continued on Page 7.)

### Malaya "Boy" Attacks Ship Officer

Remanded On Charge Of Inflicting Grievous Harm

Mr. G. T. Gray, second officer of the Prince Line ship Javanese Prince, was stabbed on the left shoulder yesterday afternoon by a Malay deck-boy when the ship was docking at Talkoo Dockyard. The European officer was on deck when the ship was berthing and a coil of wire struck him on the leg. He turned around and asked the Malay, who was nearby, what he was doing. The Malay apparently resented the remark and pulled out a knife, with which he aimed a blow at Mr. Gray. The officer, at the same time, (Continued on Page 7.)

### OCCUPY TWELVE OF LOYALIST TOWNS IN TORTOSA AREA

### Italians Reported Hard Pressed by Resistance

Hendaye, Apr. 11.

It is reported that the Loyalists have evacuated a dozen towns between Tortosa and Benicarlo, while General Garcia Valino has predicted that he will seize the area in 48 hours.

Meanwhile, thousands of Loyalists have delayed General Valino's advance over the very difficult terrain. The Insurgents at the present have driven a deep wedge between Tortosa and Morella. However, outside of Tortosa, the Italians' Black Arrow forces have been in a stalemate for eight days, suffering large losses, it is reported.

Relays of Insurgent planes throughout the day bombarded the coast between Tortosa and Benicarlo.

A Saragossa broadcast stated that General Valino has surrounded Tortosa and was only 21 1/2 miles from the coast. General Valino stated that Tortosa was "at the mercy of our artillery."—United Press.

#### BRITISH ATTITUDE UNCHANGED

### STRIKES AGAIN THREATEN

American Labour Organisations At Loggerheads

San Francisco, Apr. 11.

It is estimated that 35,000 workers are involved in disputes on the Pacific coast, several of whom come under the American Federation of Labour and Committee of Industrial Organisation jurisdiction.

The most serious dispute has involved 25,000 workers in the Alaska salmon industry. However, the Federal Mediator, Mr. Joseph C. Cheney, announced that the Unions of Canneries had tentatively accepted a settlement whereby the workers will sail with reduced wages, while a commission determines whether packers are able to pay more.

In addition there has been a clash between the C.I.O. and A.F.O.L., the former being angered by the alleged mishandling of members of the Nevada City and Grass Valley gold mining area, and the nation-wide A.F.O.L. sheep shearers' strike.

#### TENSION EASED

The tension has eased as a result of the following favourable developments. Firstly, A.F.O.L. acceptance of a plan providing for resumption of negotiations with C.I.O.; secondly, the extension of the Guild's ultimatum; thirdly, settlement of the Inter-Union dispute concerning A.F.O.L. pile-drivers' refusal to abide by the order to leave the Maritime Federation; fourthly the decision of the C.I.O. miners at present not to attempt to return to Grass Valley; fifthly the lifting of the A.F.O.L. boycott of C.I.O. lumber workers; sixthly the agreement between Associated Farmers and the A.F.O.L. Committee of Forty-Three to discuss the workers' and farmers' dispute.

However, there are certain unfavourable developments. In the first place there is the sheep-shearers' strike, secondly the A.F.O.L. milkers' strike in Santa Clara County, and thirdly the widespread C.I.O. resentment of alleged brutal mishandling of members forcibly driven from (Continued on Page 7.)

### STOP PRESS

#### SHANGHAI CUSTOMS' FUTURE DISCUSSED

Tokyo, Apr. 12. The Foreign Minister Mr. Koki Hirota, discussed the Shanghai customs issue with the British Ambassador, Sir Robert Craigie, yesterday, after which the continued conversations with the vice-minister for Foreign Affairs, Mr. Kenseku Horinouchi. United Press.

#### HEAVY SENTENCE FOR CHARLES WHITNEY

New York, Apr. 11. Judge Owen Bohan sentenced Charles Whitney, ex-Wall Street speculator, to five and 10 years in Sing Sing prison, on two counts of grand larceny, the sentence to run concurrently. United Press.

(Further Stop Press News on Page 13.)



# Half way back to crinolines!

SUMMARY OF PARIS  
SPRING FASHION  
SHOWS BY ROBB &  
LUCY MILNER ENDS  
WITH EVENING  
FROCKS

**S**PREADING, billowy, skirts that take us half way back to the crinoline... rainbow colours... sugarstick stripes—those are the impressions that stay after seeing the hundreds of new evening frocks in the Paris shows this year.

There's a new line in these wide skirts; they rise panelled, pleated, sometimes even with miniature paniers, from simple, fitted bodices.

Trimming is carried below the hipline. Flowers, for instance, trail from waist to knee; a bunch of lilies of the valley catches up the skirt of a white satin dress; hems are edged with lace, threaded with ribbons or ruffled with taffeta.

**G**LITTERING materials like lame have been dropped; instead designers are using soft, feminine, transparent stuffs, and putting them over underskirts of stiff taffeta. The effect when you walk is swaying and graceful; shoes don't show, and are often heelless sandals.

Newest material is coarse cotton net, sometimes candy-striped, worn over taffeta slips.

If you want something more sophisticated than these romantic frocks, you have another choice in the low-waisted, tunic-top silhouettes. Smooth and fitting as a stocking down to the hips, from there they suddenly burst out into a full frill of contrasting colour and material.

Dinner dresses of jersey or crepe, with long sleeves or little boleros, are still in every show, and there's a new version of the hostess gown made in chiffon, with short transparent puff sleeves and high round neck. (Robb has drawn one for you here).

**O**VER your frock you can wear a coat or a cape—both are equally popular. They are made in two distinct types; either heavy and formal, in taffeta, or filmy and transparent, in chiffon and lace.

Evening hats and headdresses, which never gained much ground over here, have nearly all gone, but some designers show chiffon scarves like Indian saris (most becoming) and cowl collars which make hoods.

Short, pull-on satin gloves looked so elegant that you'll probably be seeing a lot of them.

Summing up the trends:

**NECKLINES** are low and plain on full evening frocks; no more halter necks, but a lot of shoulder straps and square bodices. Dinner dresses have simple round collars and short puffed transparent sleeves.

**WAISTS** move up and down; they are high on the full-skirted, billowy frocks, very low on the tunic dresses.

**LENGTH:** To the ground all round in almost every case; trains are exceptions.

**MATERIALS:** Filmy and transparent—chiffon, tulle, lace, net, organza; or stiff and rustling—taffeta, grosgrain, corded satin.

**COLOURS:** Spring always brings out white frocks, and this year there



## Pictures by Robb

—who televised spring fashions in the "Picture Page" programme from the Alexandra Palace recently. Lookers-in saw him make quick charcoal sketches illustrating the fashion trends he saw in Paris. To emphasise the new lines and details he chose some of the more extravagant frocks; the ones you will be wearing yourselves will follow the same ideas, but probably in a modified form.

Colour, line, material—all make this one of the most romantic and graceful evening frocks designed for spring.

Colour was pale pink: a clear true pink without any yellow or blue tones in it. Line ran from a simple, softly pleated bodice into a narrow waist, and out into a wide, billowing skirt. Material was chiffon, pleated all round, but more thickly at the sides than front and back, standing out over an underskirt of stiff taffeta. Bands of stitching divided the dress into tiers, and a spray of pink, blue and mauve sweet peas trailed across the right knee.

are more than ever. Flower shades, too, pink, mauve, hyacinth blue, all fit in with the trend towards romantic and feminine fashions. Black and dark blue, lightened by transparent necks and sleeves, still in for dinner dresses.

**TRIMMINGS:** Big trailing sprays of flowers, like carnations, sweet peas, lilies of the valley; bands of lace and stitching or bows of ribbon; pleating and panelling—all carried well down on the skirt. Fantasies like one white satin frock which had rows of tiny pockets round the skirt, with little birds' heads peeping out of them.

## Lucy Milner

New version of the dinner dress... black organza over a tight underdress of black satin. The organza buttoned down the front, had a high round collar and short puff sleeves. Two bands of stitched pleats ran across it, one as a yoke, the other round the hips, and from below the hips it flared out in a full open skirt.



## It's Safer to be born a Female

**T**HE human male is weaker than the human female, more prone on account of his relative constitutional weakness to developmental anomalies, to congenital debility, and to death from disease of all kinds.

This is the view suggested by Professor A. E. Crew in his presidential address to the Zoology section of the British Association for the Advancement of Science.

"The true recipe for longevity is to be born a girl," said Dr. Crew, "to be born is a more dangerous adventure for the male." As far as they go, Dr. Crew went on, the figures about domestic animals suggest that the males share with a man a relative frailty and endure a selective elimination. Yet, in birds the female is the more fragile. Among insects, on the other hand, the average male does not live as long as the female.

Dr. Crew urged that the movements of the sex ratio can be used as a measure. A high ratio of male births goes with a high standard of living, and also with a declining population.

## Smelling Colours

A colour-blind teacher was always putting red ink where black should be, and vice-versa, till he found that he could distinguish them by smell.

This was one of the dodges of the colour-blind mentioned by Dr. Mary Collins in her presidential address to the Psychology section.

Only eighty cases of complete colour-blindness have been described to date. The common form of colour-blindness is in the red-green. The blue-yellow blindness, in which the ability to see blue and yellow is affected, is much rarer.

Examining 360 candidates for acceptance as apprentice printers, Dr. Collins found that 7.5 per cent. were colour-blind to red and green.

## Timing The Lark

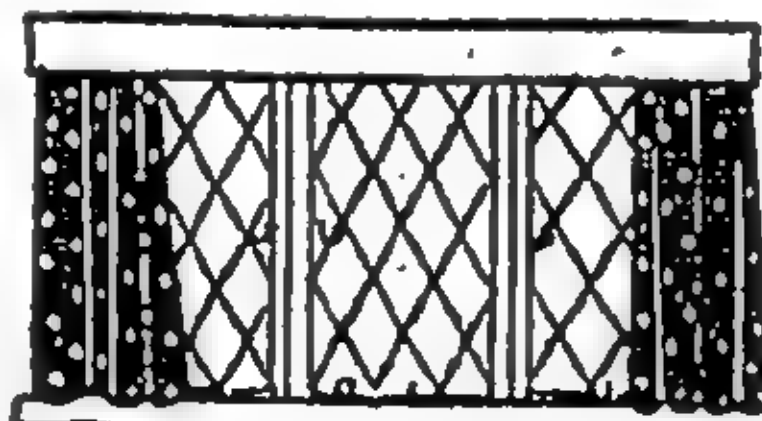
With a ship-watch Mr. Rollin, a North of England observer, timed 500 skylarks. The average length of the song was 2.22 minutes. He found that the larks which sang longest kept together in the same field.

This experiment was mentioned by Professor Ritchie in his presidential address to the delegates from corresponding societies. Professor Ritchie told how he was basking in his garden with three newspapers, which he read at intervals. He found that as he read the "Scotsman" a cloud of winter midges hovered over it at a height of four feet.

When he took up the old green "Westminster Gazette" the cloud descended very markedly. He then tested the midges with "Country Life" and they went higher even than for the "Scotsman."

Experiments showed that the insects reacted not to the colour or quality of the paper, but to the intensity of reflected light.

## New ways to dress Your WINDOWS By Gloria



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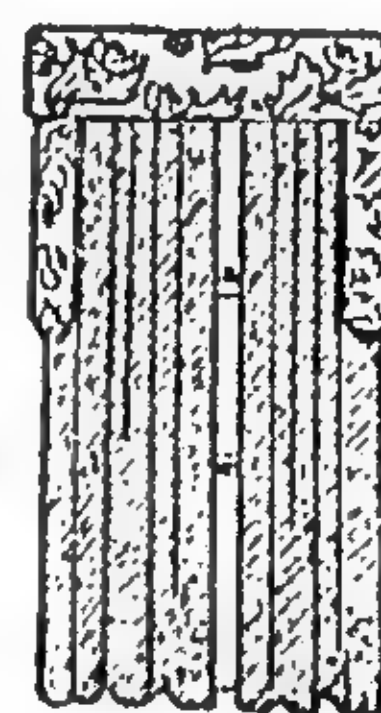


**I HAVE** seen a very dainty window with curtains of flowered net and a pleated net pelmet.



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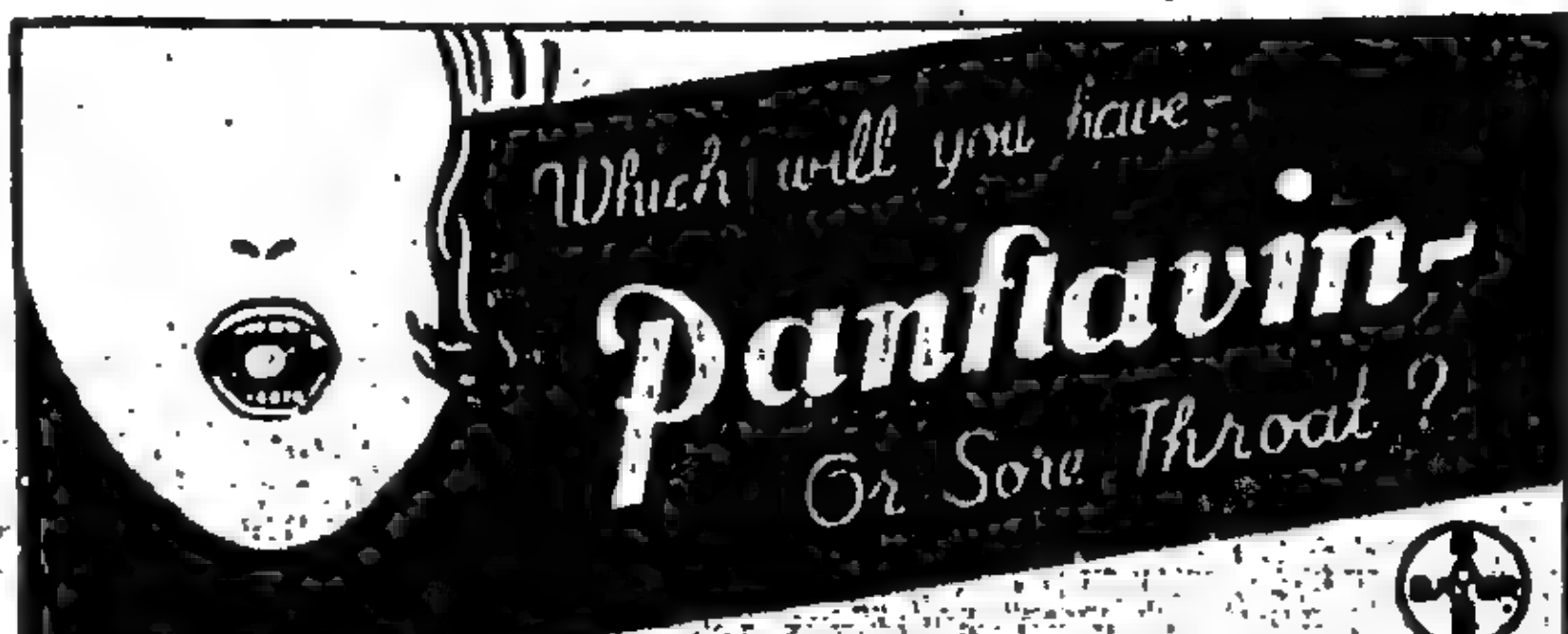
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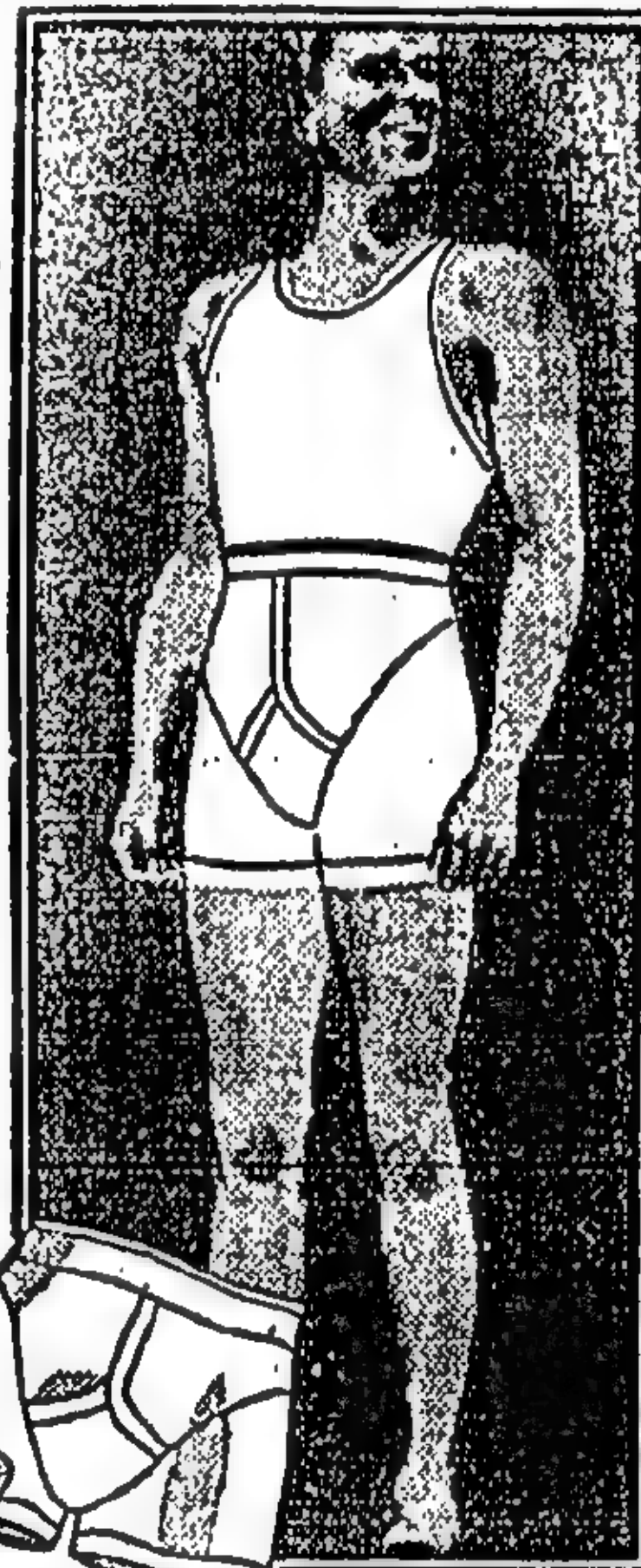
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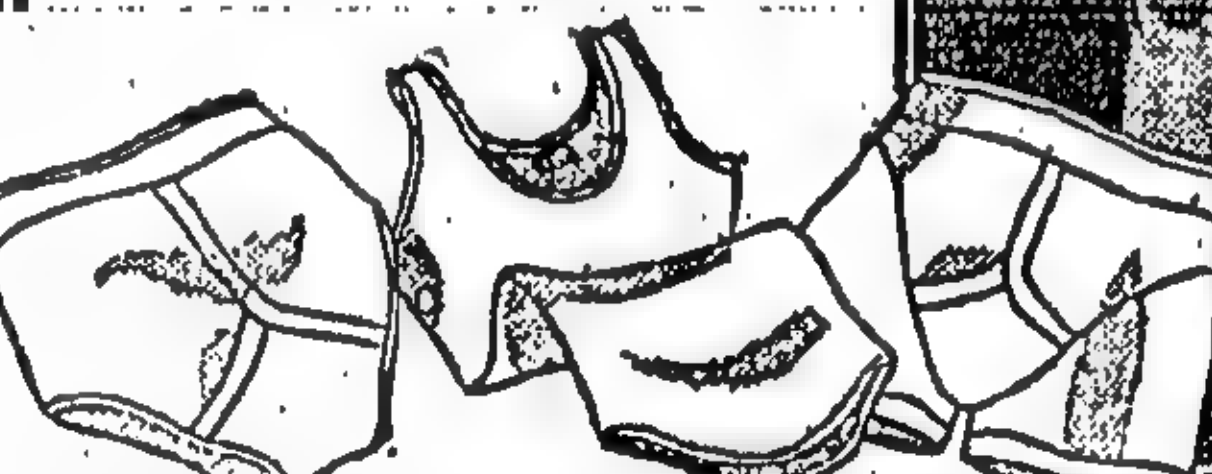
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# 'DO'S' & 'DON'TS' FOR MARRIED LIFE

## RESCUE OF MAROONED ICE SCIENTISTS



THE FIRST PICTURES of the rescue of the Soviet scientists after they had drifted for nine months on an Arctic ice-floe, are reproduced on this page. Above: Men from one of the relief ships, Talmir, digging a tent free of the snow in which it was almost buried.

## WORLD OWES GREAT DEBT

### INVENTOR DIES IN LONDON

A MAN to whom the world owes a great debt died recently at the age of 96. His name is Edward Hodson Bayley.

England in particular should thank him for inventing the modern fire escape and the world in general should be grateful to him as one of the first sponsors of Gilbert and Sullivan.

Walking down Regent Street one day Mr. Bayley met D'Oyly Carte, then running an obscure music shop, who took him to meet a couple of young and equally obscure young men called Gilbert and Sullivan, who had just collaborated with an operetta—"Trial by Jury."

HE PUT UP £1,000. Mr. Bayley listened to the tunes and went home humming them, unable to get them out of his head. So impressed was he that he put up £1,000 for the production of "The Sorcerer." Chappell and Metzier contributed another £1,000 each, and the world heard Gilbert and Sullivan for the first time.

As head of Bayleys Ltd., wagon builders, of Newington Causeway, S.E., Mr. Bayley designed the first modern fire escape. It wound up and down and there was a wire chute in place of the canvas variety which was always catching on fire. Still with the idea of saving lives, he entered Parliament as Liberal member for East Cumberwell in Gladstone's last Government. His plan was to promote a national lifeboat service, but although he got the support of over 100 M.P.s he failed.

FOUNDED ORPHANAGE. He founded the New Church Orphanage Society which gives widows a weekly allowance to keep their homes going. When he was over 90 he still went swimming before breakfast, and until quite recently was at his office every day.

He was the oldest living Liveryman in the City of London, having held that position for 70 years. He formed a Liberal Association at Southwark, then a Conservative stronghold. Within a year he had secured a membership of several thousands. The two Conservative M.P.s for the constituency were displaced by Radicals.

## Living Cost up In Singapore

The cost of living in Singapore last year was higher for all communities, the percentage increase compared with 1936 being:

Asiatics	6.1 per cent.
Eurasians	4.3 per cent.
Europeans	2.5 per cent.

In 1936 the official cost of living fell slightly compared with 1935, but the cost of living last year was higher than in 1935.

FOOD IS DEARER. The detailed analysis of the figures shows that last year the food bill for the average European and Eurasian was 6.8 per cent. higher than that for the previous year.

The increase in food costs for Asiatics was even higher—11.5 per cent.

Dearest items in the menu of Europeans and Eurasians were beef, mutton, fowls, fish and vegetables, while Asiatics had to pay more for beef, fish, hard, vegetables, mutton and chicken.

EDUCATION, RENT HIGHER. Europeans had to pay 3.4 per cent. more for servants, 1.7 per cent. more for transport, 1.7 per cent. more for their children's education, 2 per cent. more for clubs and 2.2 per cent. more for rent.

Increases other than those for food in the Asiatic family budget come under 2.5 per cent. for education and 1.5 per cent. for clothing and 1.2 per cent. for rent.



THE FOUR SCIENTISTS who formed the expedition seen just before they left the ice-floe. M. Papanin, the leader, is fondling the dogs which accompanied them from the start.

## Wife of Victim of "Cat" Asks For London Divorce DEPRAVITY CLAUSE TO BE INVOKED

Robert Harley, sentenced to seven years' penal servitude and 20 strokes of the "cat" for his part in the Mayfair jewel robbery, is to figure in the courts again shortly in a case—the first of its kind in British legal history.

His young wife, a Bexhill woman, is taking proceedings for divorce against him. They were married in March 1936.

The case is unique because it is the first application, under the Matrimonial Causes Act, 1937, for leave to petition for divorce, though the marriage has not been in existence three years.

It will be the first time the legal machinery provided under the Act has been put into operation to deal with this type of application.

### AFFIDAVIT SERVED

The procedure is for the petitioner's solicitors to issue an originating summons applying for leave to petition for divorce.

This has already been done by the wife's solicitors, of London's Inn, who have served an affidavit on Messrs. Emmanuel Garber and Co., of High Holborn, Harley's solicitors.

A copy of the petition has been filed at the Registry and Messrs. Garber have 14 days to enter their answer. An application for divorce in the case of a marriage of less than three years' duration may be brought, the Act states, if the case is one of "exceptional depravity suffered by the petitioner or one of exceptional depravity on the part of the respondent."

The case is to be defended.

## BOTH ANSWERED NAME IN COURT

New York, Mar. 10. Two men stepped forward in Jefferson Market Court when the name of James Pappas was called on a charge of illegal peddling.

Both men insisted they had been arrested and both claimed the same name.

One Pappas was peddling pretzels, the other apples. Two dollars apiece.

### HERE'S PARKING CONFUSION

Sydney. The police department's new "alternate day" parking system almost requires auto drivers to be mathematicians to know where and when to park. The system provides 20 minutes parking periods on the odd days of the month, and on the even-numbered side on the even days of the month.

## £1,600 For Girl In Newcastle

Newcastle on Tyne. An 18-year-old Newcastle mannequin who went home every night after work and cried because of the disfigurement she suffered in a night motor accident last July is to accept the advice of Mr. Justice Wrottesley and place herself in the hands of a plastic surgeon.

When Miss Joyce Pearl, of Roseworth-avenue, Gosforth, was awarded £600 damages at Durham Assizes yesterday, Mr. Justice Wrottesley commented that she was "still a very pretty girl." The girl was one of the plaintiffs in a joint action which also resulted in another Newcastle girl, Miss Nancy Watson, a 23-year-old shop assistant, accepting a settlement of £1,600 damages.

Miss Pearl told me that she resigned from the tennis club because of the embarrassment the disfigurement caused her.

## His Wife Was Not Pleased

Benton, Ill., Mar. 10. Police officer Virgil Rogers tried out his new handcuffs on his wife. Then they took a walk to the locksmith's to have the handcuffs removed. Rogers had lost the key.

## Girl Attacked In Bath

18 Strokes Of The "Cat" For Ex-Boxer

Eighteen strokes of the "cat" and 18 months' hard labour was the sentence passed at Glamorgan Assizes on a 25-year-old steelworker.

He was Emlyn Lloyd, a former boxer, who broke into the house of Mrs. Violet Carpenter, at Fort Talbot, and improperly assaulted her in her bath.

He also stole her handbag containing £11. Lloyd pleaded guilty to three other burglaries for which he was sentenced to 15 and 12 months' hard labour, the sentences to run concurrently.

Passing sentence, Mr. Justice Greaves-Lord said: "You were not merely content burglariously to enter the house and steal but you also committed a terrible assault and used violence on a defenceless woman left in the house by her husband who was working at night."

"You caused her terrible pain and must have affected her in a way only terrorism of this kind could affect her."

On hearing his punishment, Lloyd said: "Thank you, sir."

Lloyd had made a plea for leniency. "I am courting. She is prepared to stand by me," he said.

Mr. Justice Greaves-Lord: You don't seem to have gone the right way when you were courting her.

### CO-EDS VOTE DOWN MUSTACHES

Kent, O. Men at Kent State University can quit counting those hairs on their upper lip. Most of the Kent co-eds don't like "mustaches," anyway. A poll by the campus humour magazine disclosed that 82 per cent. of the women students dislike mustaches.

## These Are the Secrets, Says A Doctor

"DONT'S" for women who want to make a success of marriage were enumerated by Dr. Ethel Dukes, co-director of the Institute of Child Psychology, Warwick-avenue, W., when she spoke on "The Successful Wife," at Friends' House, Euston-road.

The wife who wishes to succeed, she said, will not: Domineer over her husband; Criticise him in the presence of others;

Insist on changing him; Refuse to be friends with his friends; Try to show him off; Make him into a cushion carrier or an additional servant;

Insist on constant entertaining in the house and out of it when he is tired and wants a smoke and his cosy slippers;

Despise his homespun qualities when she has had time to improve her cultural and social qualities while he has been hard at work;

Run down his mother or other relatives; Get into debt; Refuse to have children if he wants them and there is no medical reason why she should not;

Use any feminine wiles or neurotic illnesses to make him subservient to her. Dr. Dukes, who is herself a wife and mother, said that it was better not to marry than to enter it asking "What can I get out of marriage?"

ALLOWANCES FOR WIVES. Another important point, she continued, was that an arrangement should be made at the start about money. Every wife should have a personal allowance that she could spend as she liked.

Other qualities essential to the successful wife were common sense, a sense of proportion and a sense of humour. Without these she would be inclined to make mountains out of mole-hills.

Unselfishness, tactfulness, adaptability, absolute fidelity and loyalty to her husband were equally requisite.

"I am all in favour of early marriages," Dr. Dukes said. Other points in her address were: "Courage is necessary for the successful wife, particularly in the early days of marriage."

"It is most important that girls should be trained to be good wives not only in matters of housekeeping but in other ways. In earlier generations girls married knowing nothing of sex matters. Their mothers, although they had had many children, often told them nothing."

"MARRY ONLY FOR LOVE" Homes where men had married a domestic servant had a much higher standard.

"Marriage should be undertaken for no reason but love."

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Her final advice was that the successful wife needed the quality of forgiveness. In marriage men were very often far more forgiving than women.

Dr. Dukes, whose husband is Dr. C. E. Dukes, the bacteriological expert, lives in Queen Anne-street, W. She was married in 1915 and has one son.



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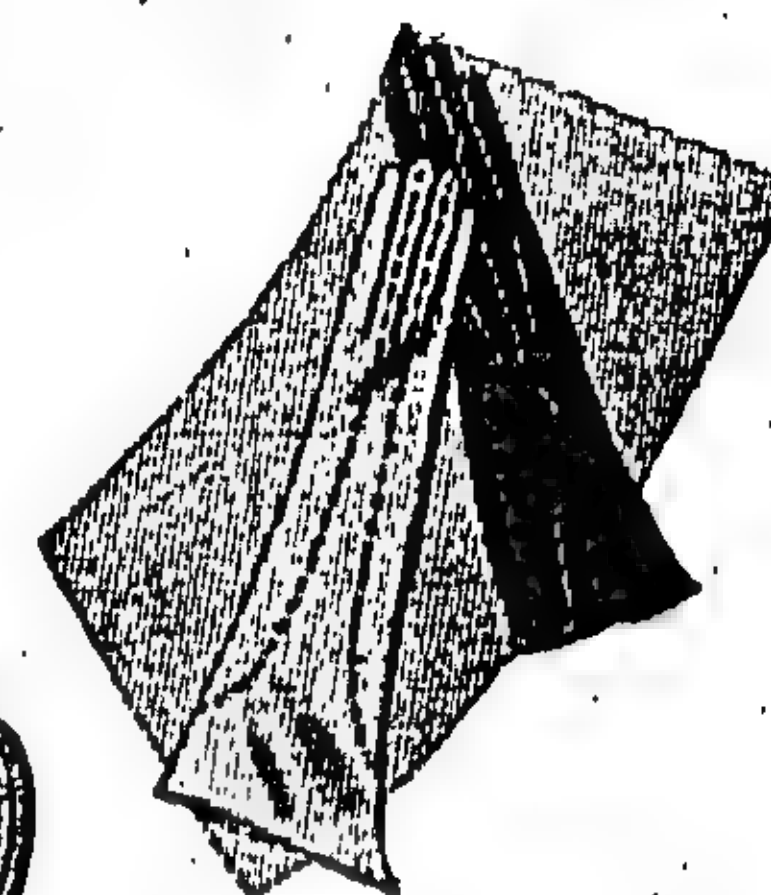
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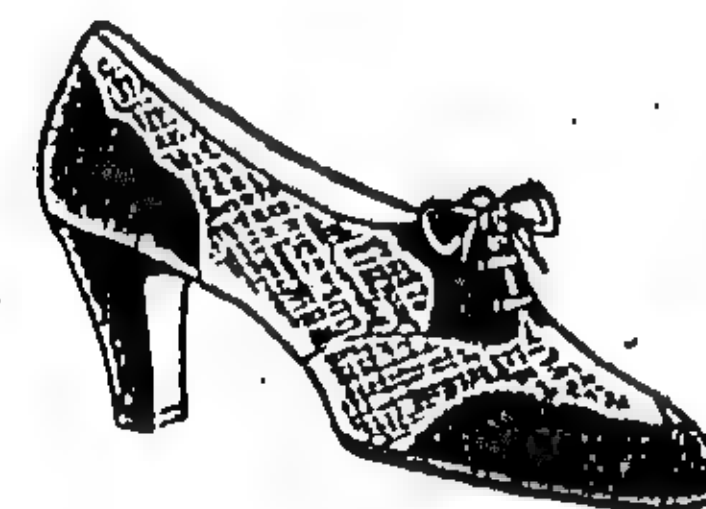
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# Chinese Armies Now Advised To Slow Advance

## EXPERTS FEAR NEW JAPANESE STRENGTH MUSTERED TO FIGHT

### Old Woman and Little Boy Taierschwang Heroes

Shanghai, Apr. 12.

No vital change was reported on the Tientsin-Pukow front yesterday.

It appears that Chinese advisers are now trying to halt the advancing troops in order to consolidate their positions preparatory to a new Japanese offensive which is expected at any minute, following the arrival of strong reinforcements.—*Reuter*.

(Special to the "Telegraph")

Hsuehchow, Apr. 11.  
When I left Taierschwang last night hundreds of people had already returned to the city, ordinary police were patrolling the devastated streets, postmen were in evidence, while troops continued to work on fortifying the walls.

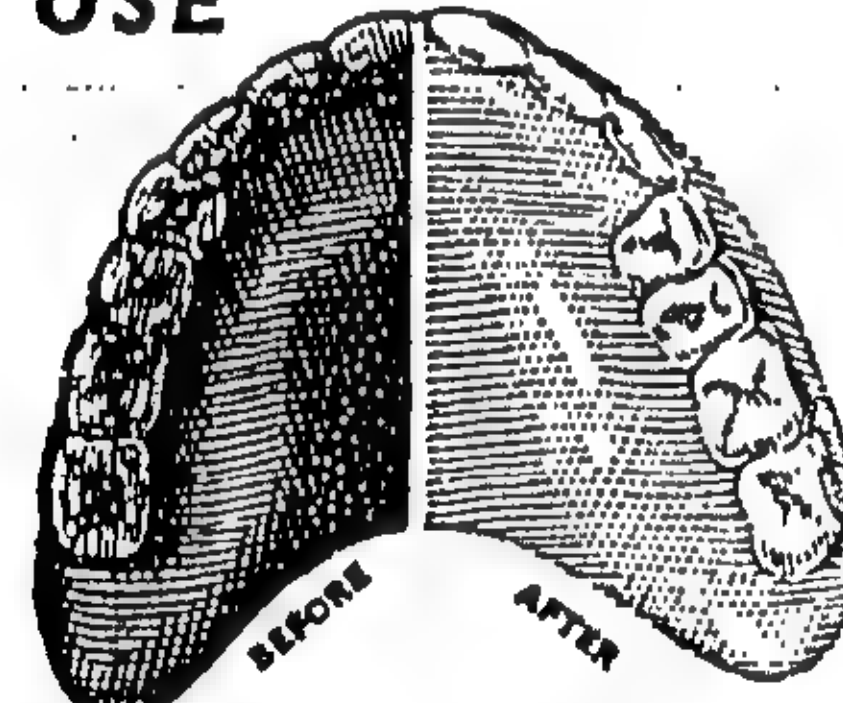
The inhabitants doggedly searched among the ruins of their homes for the most primitive objects a human being needs in order to live. Some, like one old woman, returned only to find her bedroom standing. She accepted her fate stolidly, saying: "Well anyway, I've a place in which to sleep."

#### Many Unconsoled

Others were hysterical and could not be consoled, bewailing their wrecked homes.

When the Chinese army retreats, the people retreat with it, and when it advances, the people bring up the rear. Taierschwang's people earned the right to return to their city. Many acted as stretcher bearers and guides to the Chinese army, and many themselves took up rifles from the wounded and fought the Japanese.

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## Chinese Hold "U. P." War Correspondent Released After He Surrendered Camera

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Changanshe, Apr. 11.  
Mr. Jack Belden, United Press correspondent in the war zone, who was detained by the Chinese authorities last week, has been released, according to a message received from him, which states that he has arrived safe at Sian in company with Colonel Stillwell, American Military Attaché. They reached Sian in Russian trucks with armed guards, provided by the courtesy of Kansu's Governor, General Chu Shao-liang.

According to Mr. Belden's story, the military truck on which they were proceeding to Sian broke down on the outskirts of Lanchow, opposite the airfield. Two Russians invited the newspaperman to the airfield, where the Chinese commander detained him, because a Russian falsely stated that he was photographing the air field.

Mr. Belden refused the request of the commander to turn over his camera, and he was then transported to the Eighth War District Headquarters, where he refused to write a statement until allowed to communicate with Colonel Stillwell.

He was released after 11 hours after he had voluntarily turned over his camera. He was detained for two days at Lanchow while the case was settled, after which the Governor expressed regrets to Colonel Stillwell for the incident, and provided a truck for them.

The incident is now considered closed, and the newspaperman is on his way to Hsuehchow.—*United Press*.

## BRITAIN MAY URGE RECOGNITION OF ITALIAN CONQUEST

London, Apr. 11.

During the House of Commons question time to-day, the Premier announced that Britain had requested the League of Nations to include in the forthcoming Council agenda, the question of the consequences arising from the existing situation in Abyssinia.

Mr. Percy Harris (Labour) asked whether that meant Britain was going to take the initiative in the recognition of Abyssinia.

Mr. Neville Chamberlain advised him to wait and see the text of the letter to the League.

The text alludes to the "anomalous situation arising from the fact that many States, including five members represented on the Council, recognise that the Italian Government exercises sovereignty over Ethiopia, or have taken action implying recognition, without the other member States having done so."

In reply to another question, Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, stated that the Italian authorities militarily controlled virtually the whole of Abyssinia. Resistance appears to be unorganised and of a local character, he said, confined to western Abyssinia.—*Reuter*.

#### Move Pleases Italy

Rome, Apr. 11.  
News that Britain has asked the League to consider the Abyssinian question at its next meeting is welcomed here as a tangible sign of the impending Anglo-Italian agreement.

#### Will Ask League To Assist Refugees

London, Apr. 11.

The British Government intends to propose to the League that the next session of the Council consider the desirability of extending the authority of the commissioner for refugees from Germany to apply also to those from Austria, stated Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, in the House of Commons, to-day.—*Reuter*.

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### MANILA SHARES

The following business done quotations were received after the close of the morning session by Swan, Culbertson & Fritz from their Manila office:

Business Done Prices in Paces  
Antamok Unquoted  
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Coco Grove Unquoted  
Consolidated Mines Unquoted  
Demonstration Unquoted  
Mine Operation Unquoted  
Paraiso (Gumau) Unquoted  
San Maurfield Unquoted  
Buyer Unquoted  
United Paracale Unquoted  
The tone of the market: Very dull.

## Japan Planes In Russian Territory

Moscow, Apr. 11.  
The Soviet Embassy in Tokyo has been instructed to protest to the Japanese Government regarding the alleged violation to-day of the Soviet frontier by Japanese planes.

It is stated that eleven Japanese planes flew for several miles into Soviet territory in the Chukotka region of Eastern Siberia, and were driven off by Soviet pursuit planes, who forced one Japanese machine to land in Soviet territory.—*Reuter*.

## Stock Market Cheerful

London, Apr. 11.  
The Stock Exchange was more cheerful following a sharp week-end rally on Wall Street, together with the calmer European situation, especially the French political atmosphere.

Industrials attracted most attention chiefly heaves and breweries. Cable and wireless ordinary stocks had an exceptional fall of five points to 60 1/2, following profit taking on publication of the rate reorganisation.

Commodities generally opened better, but reacted sharply, owing to a disappointing opening in New York.—*Reuter Special*.

## CHINA EXCHANGE REFORM SHOULD HELP SHANGHAI

Shanghai, Apr. 12.  
Mr. Shih Teh-mow, head of the business department of the Central Bank of China, arrived in Shanghai yesterday from Hongkong.

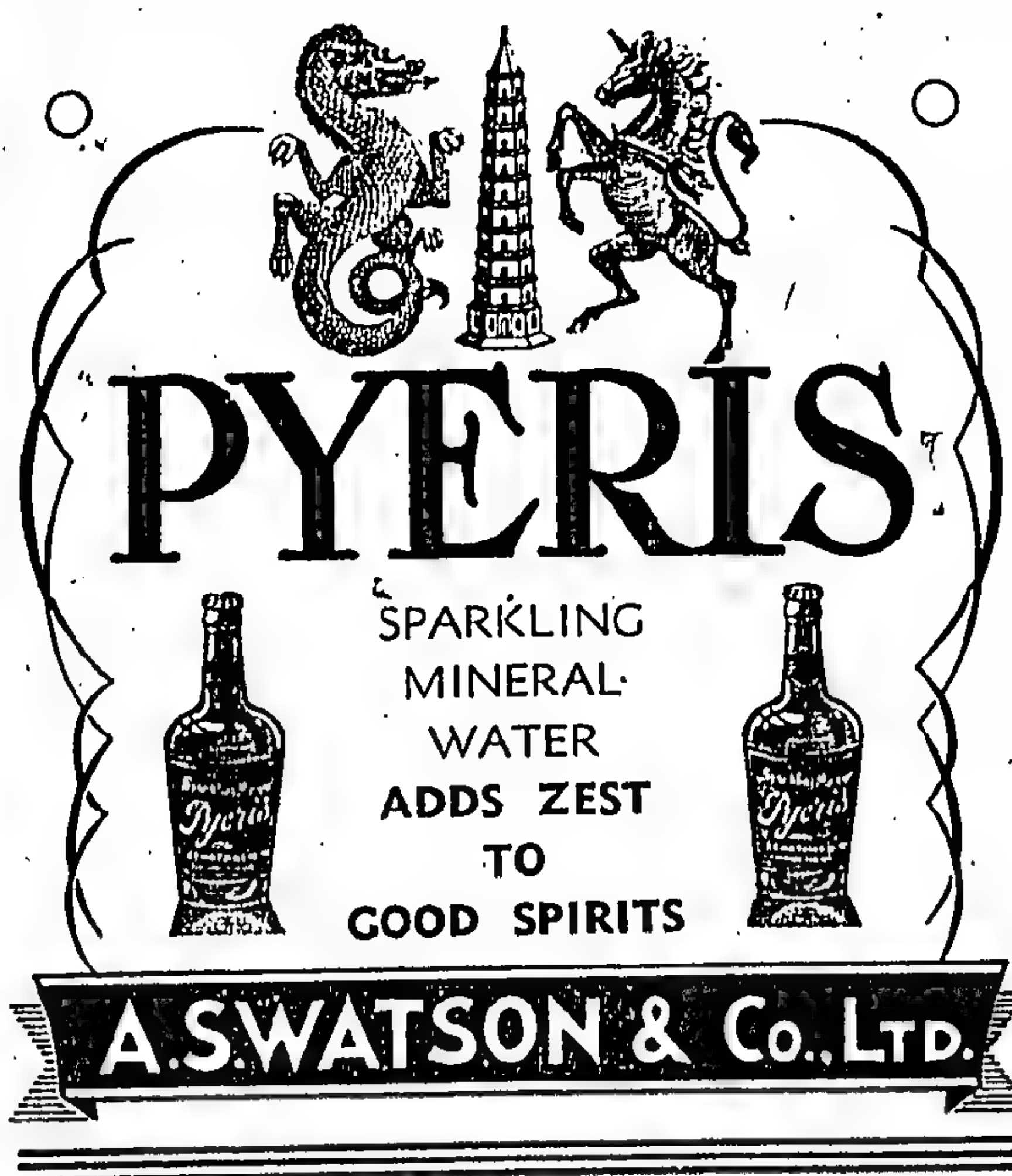
It is understood that Mr. Shih is supervising final arrangements for the opening of a forwarding office for foreign exchange in Shanghai, as promised by the Central Government.—*Reuter*.

### OFFICIAL PLEBISCITE FIGURES DISCLOSED

Berlin, Apr. 11.  
The official figures for the plebiscite show that in Austria and Germany together, the total affirmative vote was 48,808,876. Those who voted against the Anschluss numbered 42,230 while there were 70,300 spoiled papers.

Over 99 per cent voted in favour of Herr Hitler.—*Reuter*.





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## TRIBUTE TO GENIUS

The result of the Austrian plebiscite is not an enormous surprise. But although the outcome was never in doubt, the overwhelming majority of the vote for the idea of "ein reich, ein fuhrer" is a little disconcerting to those who believed that a considerable proportion of the Austrian people at least did not relish the idea of *anschluss*. Unless one is prepared to believe that by some system of intimidation or restraint the plebiscite was controlled, or that the officials in charge have not revealed the true result of the poll, it must be supposed that Austria indeed is pleased, as a whole, with the political union with her larger neighbour. And because it takes a lively imagination to conceive of a system of intimidation or restraint or corruption sufficiently efficient to escape detection at some point, even those who do not like the idea of Austro-German unity must now prepare to admit that Austria is satisfied, has indeed got what her majority wanted all the time, it seems. Where are those thousands of the working classes who formerly were popularly supposed to hate the very name of Nazis? Did they, too, vote "yes"? It seems they must have done; for out of the 48,000,000 who went to the polls only a mere 452,000 had the temerity to record their unidentified opposition. One cannot help wondering, however, what would have been the result of the plebiscite Dr. Kurt Schuschnigg had planned. The Berlin allegation was that the rules would have prevented thousands of Nazis voting at all. And, of course, the Jewish citizens of Austria would have had the right to put their marks on the ballot-paper. Under Herr Hitler's direction the Jews did not have a vote. It seems a pity that the "occupation" of Austria had to be accomplished before this test of public opinion was carried out. How much more convincing it would have been had Austrians, as a free

# CATS

## There's a Boom in Them, & They're Changing Colour

Declares

**GERALD BOWMAN, who owns 14**

**T**HERE'S a boom in cats. And I claim to have made a considerable contribution towards it. I own 14.

The free-roaming and free-of-tax cat has never been subject to the population restrictions that hedge around the licensed dog, but to-day the cat has a greater opportunity of increasing and multiplying than ever.

He is riding on a wave of popularity brought about by the growing disposition of people to live in small houses and flats. Though space is not ample, there is still the urge for a pet to grace the domestic hearth-rug—and the choice is more and more falling upon the cat.

So great is the demand that a pet census would probably reveal twice as many cats as dogs in the country to-day.

The cat himself is subtly changing, too—at least in outward appearance. How many tabbies have you seen lately? They have become almost rare, yet a few years ago this striped, tiger-like prowler was the most common of his tribe.

To-day the most popular colour of the domestic cat is blue, or, strictly speaking, a grey which holds a hint of blue. Actually the cat is a creature of far more colours than the rainbow. He may be clothed in coats of more than two dozen distinct hues, including orange, brown, silver, tortoise-shell, blue, and cream—besides the plebeian garb commonly worn by "the cat next door."

### Creature of Beauty

**T**O me, even the most lowly of cats, with his lithe, native grace, his smooth coat, and his startled eyes, is a creature of beauty. But for sheer loveliness, what domesticated animal can surpass the aristocrats—the silky and languorous Persians, the blue-eyed, chocolate-and-fawn Siamese, the metallic blue Russians?

Next time you are awakened in anger by a midnight cawing, calm yourself with the reflection that in satisfying their taste for rodents, cats save Britain property amounting to £4,000,000 a year.

This kind of thought induces a proper respect for cat—a feeling

people, voted in a way favourable to the *anschluss* idea. As it is, even though common sense checks the suspicion, there will always be persons who believe that the plebiscite vote does not represent the true, free and fearless verdict of the whole nation.

Whatever the interpretation of this result, whatever the opinion of individuals may be about the justice of the German action in Austria's case, even those who have criticised most hotly will admit the impressive effect of this final act of Herr Hitler's modern political drama. There is no denying the genius behind the whole idea, the perfection of the timing of the coup, the sound psychological judgment not only of persons directly affected, but those near enough to feel the repercussions in any way. Yes, daring, efficiency and remarkable synchronisation on the part of the German strategists have assuredly been shown on this occasion. Their achievement may not make them any better loved or trusted, but it will earn them a further measure of respect.

That's a good age—but by no means a record. They have lived to be 26, 28, and even 30.

Undoubtedly cats are living longer nowadays than they used to do.

I am incurably romantic about cats. I have never ceased to admire their grace in leaping and pouncing, their sinuous speed, and their miraculous powers of hearing.

But it is in their character that I find a never-ending fascination. Nobody has yet plumbed the eternal mystery of cats.

They are unpredictable in their likes and dislikes, in their comings and goings. No other animal can be so enthusiastically affectionate. None can hate with such a silent, uncanny aversion.

I like cats for their shyness—and for the discerning quality of their affection which they bestow only upon those who love them.

Yet always there remains that impenetrable reserve. They will eat your food, drink your milk, rub against your legs, but not far beneath the surface of their liking lurk ancestral memories of wilder days—memories still alive and vivid in the cat brain.

What a picture of savage beauty the cat presents when, angry, it lashes from side to side its long tail. And yet, how incomplete is the traditional picture of domestic felicity without a cat purring its pleasure on the hearth-rug.

### Dual Personality

**T**HAT shows the gentler side of this animal with the dual personality. The cat will not be chained or tied like a dog; only if it pleases will it obey the voice of command; it demands the right to go out and come in wherever and whenever it pleases.

But what other animal shows such a touching attachment to its home? For cats to travel back from a new house to one recently vacated is common. They have been known to walk 250 or 300 miles, and to arrive in the last stages of exhaustion.

And with all their scarcely tamed ferocity, in no other domestic animal is the maternal instinct so highly developed. As a foster-mother the cat is unrivalled. She will not only nurse and feed orphans of her own species, but also motherless babies of her enemies and her victims. Many puppies, birds, even mice, having lost their mothers, have been kept alive through the mercy of a cat.

Cats are intelligent—more so than many a dog. Cats are heroic. Cats will never say die. The list of those who have saved human lives by giving the alarm in fires and other emergencies is a lengthy and a growing one.

All these things explain why I am an impatient lover of one of the most courageous, patient, and quick-thinking animals in the world. It explains why I have 14—and wouldn't part with one of them.

## GRIN AND BEAR IT

By Lichty



"—and I hope, Miss Clancy, that you're not considering this job merely a stepping stone to marriage!"

## This is Easter week, and time to ask why don't we have FIXED CALENDARS

By  
**George Malcolm Thomson**

**A** FIXED calendar! What a splendid vision! Visions of a regularised, rationalised, standardised time-world, in which human reason will have triumphed over the brute facts of human passion and historical prejudice, and in which the shape of things to come will have lost half its terror since we will always be sure that, whatever happens, the first day of the month will be a Sunday.

Is such a sane and simple reform at last within our grasp? Under this scheme the date of the month always falls on the same day of the week. If Tuesday is March 23 in 1937, then it will be so also in 1938 and 1939, and so on to the end of recorded time.

And what of Leap Year? That wretched mischance is circumvented by the introduction of a "Leap Day" between June and July.

The advantages of this project are praised in ecstatic language by the American society which sponsors it: "It works in harmony with astronomy, the seasons, the compass, the zodiac, and the perfect division inherent in the traditional number TWELVE. It follows the prophetic design of that great city which had a wall great and high and had twelve gates."

Besides, "it would not bring the calendar down to the low level of a changeless, dull routine."

Which last is to be regarded as a blow at the other American society which favours the rival method of reform—the thirteen-month year—each month of exactly 28 days, each month beginning on a Sunday and ending on a Saturday, and the extra month pushed in between June and July and called, with splendid faith, "Sol."

The difficulty of the 365th day remains. It is dealt with by the usual method of a "blank" Year Day between the years.

Now, to which of the two faiths are we to give allegiance? And must we become converted to any? Before these questions can be answered we must know who it is that demands the change and on what grounds?

"Unjust business differences" are caused by the inequalities in the quarters of years. Statisticians are incommenced in their comparisons of year with year.

If the millions are paid monthly they must in the five-Saturday months buy groceries for a fifth week out of an unvarying monthly allowance. If they are paid weekly, on Saturday, then they suffer hardship during a long month wherein only four Saturdays fall.

But, it may be asked, will the statisticians (whom we must all respect) really be benefited by an equalisation of the quarters, when in fact one day would be left out of reckoning? People would be born, die, earn and spend money on that day.

As for the Sol-worshippers, would thirteen months really be a convenient division of the year? You cannot divide thirteen into quarters. As the rival convulsive justly observes, "the whole universe would groan under a false division of time."

A case can be made for the reformed calendar on the grounds of convenience to business, order in economic relations and an assurance that public holidays will fall on suitable days. Governments favour the reformed, twelve-month plan; railways, it is said, hanker after thirteen months.

The public will probably decide that the interpolated day is a poor device and that the disturbance of a great change outweighs the subsequent, and doubtful, benefit to statisticians and, perhaps, to us.

What, then, is it they propose? There are two schemes which stand



CHINESE RECOVER  
KEY CITIES

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Tsinan but said he was not informed as to details of the subsequent happenings.

Hsuehchow newsboys, however, are crying extras featuring the latest news and extensive victory celebrations are planned.—United Press.

## Surprise Attack On Chufu

Hsuehchow, April 12.  
Once more applying their favourite tactics, Chinese regulars and guerrilla forces launched surprise attacks on Chufu on the Pien-tsin-Pukow Railway in Shantung, and Ningyang northwest of Yenchow on the same railway, under cover of darkness on Sunday night.

Sealing the city walls with ladders, the Chinese troops broke into the cities and engaged the Japanese. Hand-to-hand fighting, featured by the hurling of hand grenades, the thrusting of bayonets and the wielding of big swords, ensued. Many Japanese soldiers were driven to the ends of narrow lanes or into civilian houses. They were either shot or disarmed.

The Japanese aerodrome at Ningyang was attacked by a Chinese unit. More than 10 Japanese guards were killed and a large quantity of gasoline set on fire.

About 400 pieces of Japanese army provisions at Chufu were also seized.—Central News.

## Yihshien Lines Weaken

Nikow, April 12.  
Subject to the repeated fierce onslaughts of the Chinese forces, Japanese lines at Yihshien are reported to be weakening.

Competent military observers at the front believe that the capture of Yihshien is imminent.

After occupying a number of hills in the suburbs commanding the town, the Chinese forces continued their advance steadily yesterday, challenging the Japanese in hand-to-hand combats. Armed with hand grenades and swords, they launched no less than 10 successive onslaughts during the day.

Toward noon the Japanese lines began to show signs of weakening as confused fighting took place at many points. The Chinese central column at Changshun pressed toward Luan-kou and Tienchushan, points in the immediate vicinity of the town. The Chinese left wing reached Aohsui, and Laohsui, whilst the Chinese right wing was still engaging the Japanese at Shuangshan and Tanshan.

## Picked Fighters

In view of the hilly terrain around Yihshien the Chinese forces now fighting there are especially trained.

They are fighting exceedingly well. Enveloped by the Chinese on all sides, the Japanese are fighting desperately to avert a second Tientsin. In an attempt to occupy Kuolich, a strategic point north of Yihshien, which commands a key position on their route of retreat, 2,000 Japanese troops supported by a number of field pieces launched a fierce attack there. They were later repulsed by about 500 troops from Tsoachwang.

After a bitter engagement lasting from morning till noon, the Japanese were repulsed with heavy losses. Many Japanese officers and soldiers were captured alive.—Central News.

## Fighting Near Changhing

Kwangteh, Apr. 12.  
Fierce fighting took place at a district northwest of Changhing on the west bank of the Taihu Lake, resulting in more than 150 Japanese being killed.

The fighting started yesterday morning when more than 1,000 Japanese troops attacked the district which was recently recaptured by the Chinese. The Japanese were forced to retire towards Changhing.

The highway between Changhing and Wusheng, the silk flature centre in Chekiang, has been cut off more than ten points by Chinese guerrillas. As a result the Japanese communications in this sector have been disrupted.—Central News.

State Of Emergency  
In Pootung

Hankow, Apr. 12.  
A state of emergency has been declared by the Japanese at Pootung where Chinese guerrillas are increasingly active, according to a message from Shanghai.—Central News.

## Yellow River Defence Strong

Tsaohsien, Apr. 12.  
Chinese defences along the Yellow River are strong, according to Admiral Shen Hung-ih, Chairman of the Shantung Provincial Government, who recently made an inspection tour along the river.

The Japanese force, numbering about 2,000, he said, will not be able to cross the river to the south bank.—Central News.

## Japanese Planes Burned

Chengchow, April 12.  
Five Japanese supply planes at the Sinsiang aerodrome were set on fire by Chinese guerrillas during a surprise raid on the airfield recently. The pilots were killed.—Central News.

EGYPTIAN-TURKISH  
TREATY RATIFIED

Cairo, Apr. 12.  
At the Egyptian Foreign Office today, the Turkish Minister exchanged instruments of ratification of the Egyptian-Turkish Treaty.—Rover Bulletin.

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INCREASED PRICES

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\$533,401.97 available for appropriation.

## DOLLAR DIVIDEND

This satisfactory showing enables your Board to recommend the payment of a dividend of \$1 per share and a bonus of 25 cents per share, absorbing \$244,367.50, and to further recommend that the sum of \$98,262.12 be appropriated to General Reserve, (thereby increasing that Account to \$1,050,000), the payment of a bonus to shareholders of \$12,680.20, and the carrying forward to next year's Account of \$178,033.15; all of which appropriations require the confirmation of shareholders at this meeting.

From the auditors' report you will note that no charge has been made covering depreciation on Plant and Fixtures. In this connection your Board is still of the opinion that the drastic writing down of fixed assets by \$2,913,021.84, as part of the Reorganisation Scheme undertaken in 1934, renders further depreciation unnecessary, more particularly so having regard to the fact that the book value of the declining assets is more than covered by the general reserve, to which latter account your Board is allocating—in round figures—one lakh. I may here add that it is the policy of your directors to augment such reserve from time to time as profits permit.

## COMPANY'S FINANCES

Turning to the balance sheet it is once again my pleasure to draw your attention to the extremely healthy state of your Company's finances; in addition to the sum of \$493,260.20, standing at the credit of current account with our bankers as at December 31, 1937, we have acquired during the year under review investments to the extent of \$410,035.92, by the employment of liquid funds—surplus to our immediate requirements—in first class liquid securities.

As previously mentioned, the general reserve will—subject to the approval of the recommendation now submitted—stand at the substantial figure of \$1,050,000, by the augmentation of \$98,262.12 out of profits, together with the small sum of \$1,737.88, representing the value of the balance of our saleable assets on closing down the Macao Works, these materials having been disposed of prior to our final surrender of that property on June 30, 1937.

As is with satisfaction that your directors present to-day the greatly improved results of the working of your undertaking for the year 1937, which may be regarded—in a great measure—as the outcome of the stringent economies effected throughout the past difficult years, necessitating—inter alia—the conservation of our own resources of your company and the maintenance of adequate stocks of raw materials to meet all emergencies.

At the commencement of the Sino-Japanese hostilities in August last supplies of cheap cement ceased to flood both the local and our export markets and in consequence a keen demand was created for your company's product, with the result that the sales from your Hok On Works for the year under review have amounted to 104,000 tons, representing almost double the quantity of cement sold during the previous year, thus maintaining two kilns in operation for the whole year. Since September last their output has been taxed to its limit and there is every prospect of this satisfactory state of affairs continuing for some time to come, in order to cope with contracts already undertaken and in prospect.

Due to the Japanese blockade of Chinese ports difficulties have had to be surmounted in the matter of maintaining regular supplies of raw materials for your factory. I am pleased to report, however, that, with the co-operation of our old suppliers, we have been successful in arranging regular deliveries thereof, thus ensuring continuity of operation of your plant, notwithstanding the prevailing and somewhat difficult conditions, and if tangible evidence be required, it would appear that the events of the past year have proved the soundness of your Board's policy of keeping stocks of at least two years' supply of raw material on hand is unquestionably sound, since, in the absence of the requisite supplies, your factory would not have been in a position to carry on production and meet the heavy demands, resulting upon the cessation of large imports of foreign cement into the Colony and of the dumped product in particular.

## HIGHER COST OF MATERIALS

As to fresh contracts which have been entered into for raw materials, shareholders will appreciate that it has been necessary to meet greatly advanced prices and it will, in the circumstances, be readily understood that your company, in turn, has been obliged to increase prices commensurately, in order to cover such increased costs; in this relation I would point out that, despite the fact that the rising cost of materials was such as to make it imperative that prices be increased, it was not until September last that such increase was effected and it is satisfactory to record that to-day these represent an advance of 40 per cent. only, on prices ruling twelve months ago; moreover, it must be borne in mind that the company has, since the reorganisation undertaken—as previously referred to—been operating on a prime cost basis only, such policy having been necessary in order to assure continuity of operation covering the past seven years, during which period your undertaking has had to contend with severe competition; due to the

dumping of cheap cement of foreign origin, to which I have just made reference, and whilst, under prevailing conditions, your company has by no means been free from competition, either in Hongkong or our export markets, nevertheless, at the present time our prices are well below those of other brands; I would here stress that it is the policy of your Board to do everything possible in order to maintain these at reasonable levels.

## PROFITS FIRST HALF OF YEAR

Whilst during the year under review a material portion of the profits realised accrued during the period following the outbreak of hostilities, it is interesting to record that prior to that event your company was enjoying a fair measure of prosperity—as was fore-shadowed by me in my speech last year—and for the first six months of the year the profits amounted to \$180,107.40.

I am given to understand that it has been suggested in some quarters that your Company has been taking advantage of the present abnormal conditions to augment its profits by arbitrarily advancing prices. This I can assure you, is not the case, the very substantial profits now displayed being mainly attributable to the fact that, due to the improvement in our sales, we have been enabled to realise the major portion of our considerable stocks of cement, clinker and raw materials, the bulk of which had been acquired at much reduced rates; furthermore, the results obtained are due in a marked degree to the lowering of general costs; consequent upon increased production, with the resultant necessity for full time operation of two kilns, a condition precedent to the most economical use of our works. Whilst on this subject I would like to dispel the belief which seems to prevail that the past successful year has been due to large sales of Cement to China, as the result of the hostilities which have occurred; in this connection I would inform you that our commitments both in Hongkong and Malaya, have been such as to entirely preclude the possibility of supplying any cement against the present requirements of China; moreover, having regard to the fact that at the present time your company is receiving contracts from the Hongkong Government and the Naval, Military and Air Force Authorities—both in Hongkong and Singapore—priority of importance attaches to such contracts, and in recording the appreciation of your Board for the support received from these quarters, we feel confident that the crisis will have amply demonstrated the importance and necessity of maintaining such support to your undertaking, in the absence of which, not only would one of the leading local industries perforce be compelled to close down, but also, in order to meet the requirements of the Colony, would necessitate reliance upon foreign imports at greatly enhanced prices, a matter which has been stressed from this Chair from time to time in the past.

As it is, our output at the present time is booked for a long period ahead, in order to meet the requirements of these authorities, and it is a matter of regret that our limited manufacturing capacity renders it impracticable to accept business of a more lucrative nature which is offering in other directions.

## DEFENCE PROGRAMME

Whilst I do not wish to display undue optimism as to the future, I am confident that, apart from a demand engendered by the absence of our principal competitors in the local market, the important defence programmes which, we understand, have now been sanctioned by the Home Government, give every reason to anticipate the continuance of the present ready sales of our product for some time to come. Nevertheless, it is my duty to mention that higher costs of raw material, coupled with the increased rates of freight, the full burden of which has not been felt until the present year, may have some effect on our future returns.

## MAY BE LOSSES

In the circumstances indicated and when considering the outlook for 1938, it appears opportune to acquaint shareholders of the fact that we have on our books at the present time commitments representing a large quantity of cement contracted for prior to the Sino-Japanese conflict at very low prices, which, due to our higher cost, leave little margin of profit. Nevertheless, it is anticipated that fresh orders being booked at revised price levels will assist in offsetting possible losses on business within the first category.

Finally, and in reviewing the position generally, I am pleased to be able to state that your undertaking has weathered the difficulties and the handicap of the past ten years in a manner that bears eloquent testimony, not alone to the higher standard of its product, but—in the face of keen competition—to the acumen of those directing the marketing thereof, in which relation I desire to pay particular tribute to Mr. A. L. Shields and Mr. L. T. Fong, Agents in Malaya, Messrs. McAllister & Co., Ltd., whose wholehearted collaboration and unceasing efforts have contributed so materially to the increased turnover of the past year.

## HOK ON PLANT

Your plant at Hok On has been well maintained and is functioning to a standard meriting the approbation of your technical staff; furthermore, the past year having witnessed the final closing down of the Macao Works, the position resolves itself

MALAYA "BOY"  
ATTACKS SHIP OFFICER

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as he attempted to dodge, allegedly tried to kick the Malay, but was too late to avoid the blow and was struck on the left shoulder. The wound is not believed to be serious.

As a result of the attack, the Malay, Mohammed Amin Bin A. Jallil, 19, was arrested and charged before Mr. H. R. Butters at the Central Magistracy this morning with causing grievous bodily harm to Mr. Gray, who prosecuted, asked for a remand of 24 hours, saying that Mr. Gray was in the French Hospital, and would not be able to appear in Court until tomorrow.

Defendant was remanded.

NAVAL EXPERTS TO  
MEET AGAIN

London, Apr. 11.  
A further meeting of the naval experts of the governments of Great Britain, France and the United States has been called for tomorrow at the Foreign Office, to consider questions under the London Naval Treaty of 1933 in relation to the invoking of the escalator clause.—British Wireless.

MR. HORE BELISHA  
GOING TO MALTA

London, Apr. 11.  
The Secretary of State for War Mr. Leslie Hore Belisha, will visit Malta at the end of this week, to inspect defences and military establishments. Mr. Hore Belisha will leave London by air on the morning of April 14.—British Wireless.

into one whereby your company has relieved itself of the incubus of adjuncts of a non-profit earning are which—as long as they continued in operation—were a constant source of expense and trouble to your Executive Personnel. In this connection I refer more particularly to the technical supervision necessarily exercised—covering many years—not only over the Macao Works but also the Brick & Pipe Works at Deep Water Bay, both of which adjuncts may have, in their day—contributed to your earnings in some small degree; nevertheless, covering the past decade they were merely a drain upon profits. The final liquidation of these adjuncts has made possible a material reduction in overheads and permitted concentrated effort to be directed to your excellent Works at Hok On, and it will doubtless be a source of no little satisfaction to Shareholders to re-invest the knowledge that the Company is now not only on a sound financial basis, but was never in a better position to consolidate markets gained and also to explore avenues hitherto unopened to the product.

Whilst touching upon this aspect of affairs, I cannot let the opportunity pass of recording the appreciation of your Board to your Secretary, Mr. T. C. T. Beuk, and your Works Manager, Mr. R. Taylor, for the efficiency of services they have rendered covering the past ten years, during which time the Company was confronted with the competition of severity necessitating drastic reconstruction and reorganisation; the loyalty of these two Executives and your Staff in general, in the face of adverse business conditions, involving drastic retrenchment, has been beyond mere commendation; moreover, it is due in a great measure to the efforts of those concerned that your company in to-day in the excellent position as reflected in the Report and Accounts with which Shareholders are now presented.

## CONGRATULATES BOARD

The Report and Accounts were seconded by the Hon. Mr. T. N. Chau, who said:

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen, It is with much pleasure that I rise to support the report and accounts, as presented, and on behalf of shareholders I desire to congratulate the Board of Directors on the very fine showing displayed to-day, which reflects great credit on all concerned.

I would remind you of the difficulties with which the Cement Company has had to contend during the past seven years and it is most gratifying to learn that the Company has not only survived these vicissitudes, but was never in a stronger position than that in which it stands to-day.

It is also very satisfactory to hear that arrangements have been made to ensure the adequate supply of raw materials for our factory, which will enable us to carry on manufacture, in spite of the present situation in China, and we are glad to learn that the present demand for our Company's product is expected to continue for some time.

I feel sure that Shareholders will join with me in supporting the payment of a Bonus to the Staff, whose energies have, no doubt, contributed largely to the results before us. I now formally second the adoption of the Report and Accounts, as presented, together with the Directors' recommendations with regard to the appropriations, and I would like, on behalf of Shareholders, to record our appreciation to the Board of Directors and the Staff of the very satisfactory results of the year's working.

On the proposal of Mr. B. Wong-tap seconded by Mr. A. Nizam, Mr. A. L. Shields and Mr. L. T. Fong were re-elected to the Board.

The re-election of Messrs. Lintead and Davis and Messrs. Zou, Bligham and Matthews as Auditors for the current year at a fee of \$1,000 each per annum was approved on the motion of Mr. Mok Yu-yun seconded by Mr. Fung Kwok-wa.

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Lovers You—Bonnie Munro And His Dance Orchestra.  
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7.12 Closing local Stock Quotations.  
7.15 London Relay—Detectives In Fiction.

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7.45 Musical Comedy Selections.  
"London Rhapsody"—Vocal Selection (Carr and Kennedy).  
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The Drury Lane Theatre Orchestra conducted by Charles Prentice, Mus. Soc.  
8.0 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 Studio—Gaston D'Aquino (Tenor) and E. O'Neill Shaw (Piano).  
1. Ch'ella mi credi ("Fanciulla del West"—Puccini); 2. Piano Solo—Romance (Gilese).  
E. O'Neill Shaw; 3. Mi Volejo Amor (Perez Freixas); 4. A Vucchella (Tosti); 5. Povero Pulcinella (Buzzi-Peccini).  
8.23 B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra.  
Overture "Light Cavalry" (Suppe).  
Orchestra conducted by Adrian Boult.

8.30 London Relay—"Escape"—1. First hand accounts by Prisoners of War. J. R. Ackerley sets the scene.  
9.0 A Spanish Programme.  
"Three Corners Hat" Suite (De Falla). 1. The Neighbours; 2. The Miller's Dance. . . . New Light Symphony Orchestra conducted by Dr. Malcolm Sargent. L'Amour Sorcier (Manuel de Falla). Danse De La Frayeur Et Recit Du Pecheur; Danse Rituel du Fen. . . . Ricardo Vines (Piano Solo). From Sept Chansons Populaires Espagnoles (Manuel de Falla); Chanson Du Feu Follet (Extrait de L'Amour Sorcier). Soneto A Cordoba (Manuel de Falla). . . . Marin Barrientos (Soprano) with Manuel de Falla at the Piano. De Tierra—Bolero (Albeniz). Orquesta Sevilla conducted by Joaquin Roberti.

9.30 London Relay—The News.  
9.50 Violin Solos.  
"Carmen"—Fantasy (Bizet—Arr. Sargent).  
(Violin) with T. Saldenberg (Piano).  
10.0 London Relay—The Microphone At Large.

With S.P.B. Mals. A visit to Southam, Warwickshire. A programme arranged by David Grelton.  
10.30 Variety and Dance Music.  
Vocal—The Touch-Of-Your-Lips (Billy Hill).  
Hildegard with Carroll Gibbons and His Boy Friends. Accordion—There's A Gold Mine In The Sky (Kenny); Band—Whistling Gipsy (From "Command Performance").  
Primo Scala's Accordion Band with vocal Chorus. Orchestra—Cuckoo Waltz (Jonasson); Beigittie Waltz (Moravitz).  
Dinos Bela Dance Orchestra. Vocal—If I Sing You A Thousand Love Songs (From "Cain and Abel"); Serenade In The Night (Kennedy).  
Marc Henri (The Roaming Troubadour). Orch. Jalousie—Tango (Gade).  
Emil Roosz And His Orchestra.  
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THREATEN

(Continued from Page 1.)

Nevada City to the Grass Valley area.

—United Press.

ROOSEVELT  
TO REVEAL  
U.S. PLIGHT

Huge Sum Needed

For Relief

Washington, Apr. 11.

Bringing to a climax all-day developments, the White House announced that President Franklin Roosevelt tentatively plans, depending on his ability to prepare the draft speeches, to lay the full import of the economic crisis before the nation on Thursday, first by means of a special relief message to Congress, and then through a "fireside broadcast" in the evening.

The message is expected to request about \$1,250,000,000 for the Works Progress Administration for the first seven months of the fiscal year, beginning July 1.

Meanwhile it is unconfirmedly reported that President Roosevelt is considering using the \$1,000,000,000 Stabilization Fund to defray the cost of the new recovery drive.

The "fireside broadcast," in which he will read and explain his congressional message is interpreted as emphasizing the chaotic condition of industry and unemployment.—United Press.

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SHIPPING WARNED

A notice has been issued by the Harbour Department informing shipping that piling work is in progress at Taikeo Docks and the great Taikeo Sugar Refinery, and ships are requested to proceed at reduced speed when passing these localities.

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# TSUI BROTHERS HAVE EASY PASSAGE INTO FINAL

Cricket Notes

By "R. Abbit"

## Excellent Game Between Press And Middlesex

"AND SO THE POOR DOG HAD NONE"

The match between the Navy and the U.S.R.C. was one to which I had been looking forward for some time with the pleasantest anticipations, as I knew some of our brighter cricketers would be turning out. There is always excellent sporting cricket on a Sunday at the Navy ground and their messman has a brand of pickled cauliflower which appeals to my a-little-below-the-region-of-my-heart. Unfortunately it was not to be.

Chiefly owing, I gather, to the Rifle Meeting, the U.S.R.C. were at the last minute unable to raise a side. I am most grateful to the courtesy of the Naval skipper who rang me up early (even if I had to give a poor imitation of the Aphrodite Anadyomene by leaping from my bath to answer the telephone) to inform me the game was off. He saved me a long and useless journey, though the captain at the head of this article still held good.

### BAT MIGHTIER THAN PEN

However, there was some compensation in that I could get down to see the afternoon of the Press vs. Middlesex match. Owing to the regrettable habit of certain papers of coming out at an on Monday the Press also were robbed of several excellent players and, to make a good game of it, I am instructed that temporary street-vendors' commissions were issued to two or three cricketers who are not normally connected with the Press. This was an excellent arrangement as the result was an uncommonly fine day's cricket upon a perfect day of which the heat was well mitigated by a fresh breeze which at times was so fresh that it carried away tennis screens galore.

### A GOOD START

I only saw the end of the Middlesex innings as I was unable to get down before lunch. They started rather curiously as Man scored the first seventeen runs and was then caught off Luke. After that Weedon came in and was very restrained, for h.m. while Coombes got 28 and the second wicket fell at about 47—(I think there was a slight error in the score book which made it 45 for 2 wickets). Major Newman helped Weedon to add a further 20 and then Johns shored in a stand of 68, of which he claimed 45 runs, hitting nine fours. Hatfield scored 13 while helping to add 36 runs and then Weedon began to score faster and was out 8th wicket down for 97, in which there were nine fours. The wicket fell at 205 and after another fell at the same total the innings was declared closed.

### THE PRESS BAT

The Press had quite a good batting side and there was every prospect of a close fight. Nazarin and M. el Arculli opened to the bowling of Sgt. Paterson. After a preliminary wide Nazarin put him through the covers for four and had a nice late cut for a single but Arculli was nearly stumped off his first ball and was twice beaten on the off. This, incidentally, was a feature of Paterson's bowling. On or outside the off-stump he was always dangerous but he sent down far too many on the leg side. Hatfield bowled as steadily as usual from the Tung Wah end but runs came fairly steadily to Nazarin. Arculli defended but his opening was very shaky.

### A DARING FIELD

At 27 Coombes went on for Paterson and bowled medium off-turners well pitched up with no man out. Nazarin took advantage of this to drive cheerfully but Arculli was very lucky just to carry cover-point with a sliced shot. He later took advantage of Coombes' field and after Nazarin had sent up the fifty with a pulled drive, Arculli began to jay about him. At 59 Paul a slow left-hander (round) went on for Coombes and Nazarin got inside his first ball to lift it to cover, 59-1-28 scores in 40 minutes.

With Abbas in, Hatfield bowled an over round the wicket, but ten runs

to leg came to Arculli and the Middlesex skipper very wisely replaced him by Coombes who had Arculli at long on in his first over, 73-2-32 after 47 minutes. A good innings except for his shaky start, E. Zimmermann came in and gave his celebrated imitation of a hen, but he managed to collect a lucky four off Coombes through the slips. At that point tea was taken.

### AFTER TEA

Hatfield bowled down wind (more or less for it was stalling about)—after tea from the North end and his first delivery sent Abbas' balls flying. Burnett stopped only a short while, during which he ran some risky short runs which rather upset Zimmermann who was now much steadier though he scored slowly. As a matter of fact he had much less than his fair share of the bowling. At 95 Burnett drove Coombes very hard and straight and the bowler took a red-hot c & b with his right hand—8614-4. Mackay who succeeded did not seem very happy at first and he was dropped at third slip off Hatfield early on. He then began to score faster and quite out-classes Zimmermann, though he was lucky to smick Hatfield (who was bowling very well with no luck) for four between his legs and his wicket. The century was hoisted but at 4.55 p.m. and then he tried to turn one of Hatfield's which pitched just outside his leg stump. The pier off the pitch beat him and the ball glanced off his pad to uproot his middle stump, 100-5-22. Zimmermann's score was six only, but his time was to come later and he kept an invaluable end up. F.M. Arculli was soon yanked by Hatfield (113-0-3) and things looked bad for the Press.

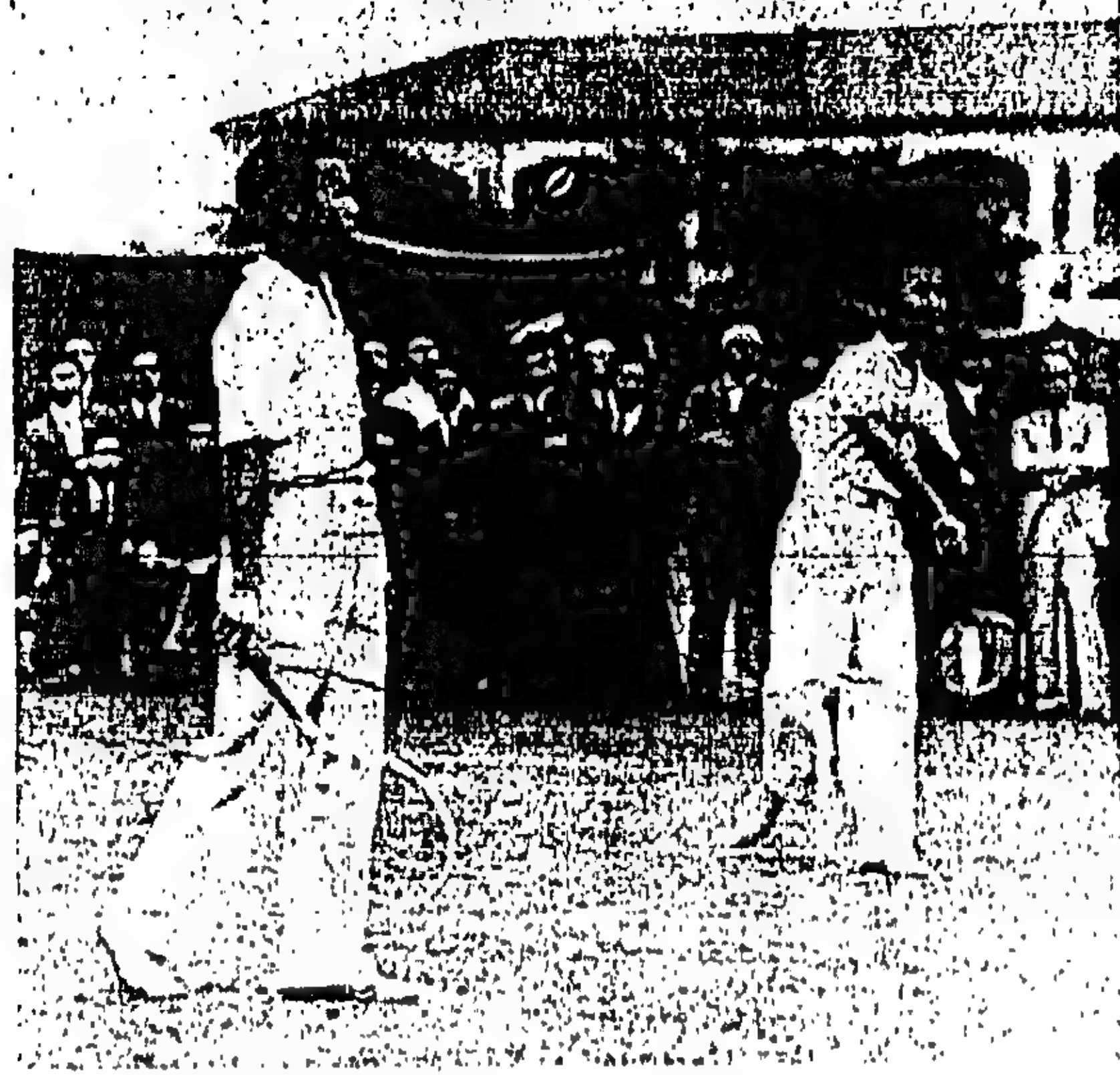
### A STOUT STAND

However, Y. el Arculli came in to play a very useful innings. Runs came quite freely after a bit and Paul went on for Coombes. Zimmermann was very slow on his feet and let off several sitting fours on the leg side. The score had been raised by 47 runs when Zimmermann hit one to cover standing square and called for a run. Arculli hesitated a minute and then went and was out by a couple of yards. It looked as if Hatfield had thrown the wicket down but on enquiry I learn that it missed by a fraction and Man gathered it and broke the wicket, 100-7-18. Two more wickets fell for six runs and all seemed over.

### A LAST WICKET STAND

However, despite the kindly but despairing smiles with which his advent was greeted, E. MacNider presented a very straight bat to the bowling. To some extent Zimmermann tried to farm the bowling though he did little with it when he had it. (I subsequently learned that he was determined at all costs to prevent MacNider having to face Hatfield). After several maidens however MacNider so far forgot himself as to plunk Coombes—on again at the Tung Wah end—for four. As Stalpy put it once, the beating of the kid excited the tiger and Zimmermann recollected it was his duty to get fours—which he did twice to the square-leg boundary. MacNider proceeded to hit another four to mid wicket and only fifteen runs were required to win.

However, Hatfield's next over was too good. Zimmermann could only stop them and then the kid bled once too often (I offer my apologies to Mr. E. MacNider for my shikaristic



Tsui Wai-pui and Tsui Yun-pui entered the final of the Open Tennis Doubles Championship very easily by beating J. W. Leonard and George Choa in the semi-final yesterday by three sets to nil.

## Clear-cut Victory For Jack Smith At N.S.C.

By Geoffrey Simpson

Jack Smith (Worcester), the 19-years-old engineering apprentice who turned boxer and won the Daily Mail's £2,000 heavy-weight novices' competition last December, reappeared at the National Sporting Club, Earl's Court, last month and punched his way to a clear and workmanlike victory.

His victims, beaten on points over six rounds, was Tommy Brown, the Huddersley ironworker, semi-finalist in the same competition, and who many thought was the most talented fighter in the tournament, though beaten.

Smith, who has been training with Ben Ford, completely removed that impression last night by the style in which he won.

Holding the centre of the ring and leaving Brown to do the circling, Smith, boxing very solidly, scored in telling style with left jabs and body smashes. For four rounds he neatly slipped Brown's rather flashy punches, and there were few occasions when, having made his man miss, he did not drive home a hurtful left to the body.

He weighed 13st. 11lb., and though very strong seemed in need of more training. A half-stone removed from his mid-section and things would have given him speed to have forced home the advantage his harder and cleaner hitting had gained him.

Brown finished faster and more aggressive, and in rounds five and six put in such a lot of smart left-hand leading that he partly destroyed the earlier good impression Smith had made.

Smith has not been in the best of health since he won the Daily Mail tournament, which probably accounted for his lack of condition, but once again he demonstrated that he is the most talented novice heavy-

weight discovered for many years. He shook Brown a few times with rights to the jaw, but it was his left hooking and jabbing and the soundness of his defence which made him so much out of the ordinary. Brown used his feet at a great

### American Swimmer Smashes Record

Paris, Apr. 5.

The American swimming champion, Ralph Flanagan, today broke the world record for the 500 metres free style event, covering the distance in 5 minutes 56.5 seconds, the New York correspondent of the sports paper L'Auto reported to-day.

The record was previously held by the American Jack Medica with a time of 5 minutes 57.8 seconds.—Havas.

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Miss G-m H'king, the Chinese girl, who has done so well in English tennis during recent years, is growing up. She met with considerable success on the Riviera last month.

### Easy Home Victory For Dundee

London, Apr. 11.

Dundee improved their position in the First Division of the Scottish Football League considerably to-day as the result of their home victory over Ayr United by five goals to one.

In the northern section of the Third Division of the English League, New Brighton, at home, drew with Bradford City, each side scoring once.—Reuter.

## "BUNNY" AUSTIN RETIRING FROM DAVIS CUP

Could Not Undertake Training And Travel

"Bunny" Austin told the Sunday Dispatch that he is retiring from the Davis Cup competition because he thinks younger players should have a chance. Austin is 32.

Announcing his decision earlier he had declared that he could not undertake "the special training and travel which would be involved by Britain's attempt to regain the Davis Cup."

"It felt fit enough, of course—it's not that. But I don't feel that I shall improve much now, or that I should be able to do much towards winning the Cup again for England."

"After winning the Cup in 1912 it took England until 1933 to win it again."

"Out of that 1933 team of Perry, Hughes, Lee, and myself, not one now remains."

"It will need a strong team to win the Cup again and I think a new, young lot of players should be found. I'm not giving up tennis, of course, I expect I shall play in the Wimbledon championships and other tournaments."

pace and was constantly flicking out his left, but it was noticeable that he could not stay close to Smith for long. Smith hit too hard.

Arthur Danahar, former amateur light-weight champion, having his first fight as a professional, had his father with him to act as second, but Danahar senior was ordered to vacate the corner by a Board of Control official because he did not hold a Board licence.

Danahar nevertheless won his fight with Fred Lowbridge (Wolverhampton) in the most comfortable fashion. He is a fine young boxer, and his straight-left punching was all too steady for Lowbridge. Danahar also punished his man towards the end of the six rounds with right swings, but he is inclined to be wild with his right.

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## UNINTERESTING TENNIS AT YESTERDAY'S MATCH

(By "Abe")

Will the Tsui brothers be able to repeat their 1936 success in the Colony Tennis Doubles Championship this year? Yesterday on the stand court of the Hongkong C.C. they advanced another step towards this goal by beating J. W. Leonard and George Choa in straight sets in the semi-final round and, unless an upset occurs, should now meet the Rumjahn cousins in the final. It will be a match worth going a long way to see.

Showing a marked superiority all round, the Tsui brothers were never troubled and won the encounter in straight sets, conceding eight games in the process. It was nothing more than a practice match for them; the result was never in doubt and the play, with due deference to Leonard and Choa who have done extremely well to reach such an important stage of the tournament, was little short of a mere formality.

If the match revealed nothing else, it showed that the elder Tsui is rightly regarded as without an equal in local tennis. He was head and shoulders above every one else yesterday, bringing off shots which only he among local players dared to attempt. Probably because most of his shots came off, he was guilty of trying to do too much; on several occasions he "poached" very palpably, and threw his younger brother out of position. Although he scored

were not good enough to withstand such a persistent onslaught. Even their lobbing, which they exploited so successfully against Leo Wai-long and Paul Kong in the quarter-final, failed Leonard and Choa yesterday. Seldom was a lob sufficiently deep to worry the brothers who, by taking up their positions in the forecourt, made light of their task.

The most pleasing features of the losers' play were Choa's driving, which would have met with better results against less skilful volleyers and an effective smash made with a reverse racket by Leonard.

The scores were 6-3, 6-2, 6-3.

### Hockey

## MACAO TO PLAY CIVILIANS

It has now been decided that the second game to be played by the Macao Interport hockey team in Hongkong will be against the Civilians and not against the Combined Services as originally suggested. The following have been chosen to represent the Civilians:

Ramzan (K. I. T. C.); Guest (Radio), Gonsalves (Becario); Hassan (Radio), W. A. Reed (Club), Malki (K.I.T.C.); S. Fowler (Club), G. Singh (Radio), G. Fowler (C.B.A.), Pyara Singh (K.I.T.C.) and Wall (Police).

Reserves: Benwell (Club), E. V. Reed (Club), Brown (Police), A. P. Souza (K.I.T.C.) and Bickford (Club).

The match will be played on Monday, April 18.

## 241 RUNS SCORED IN 98 MINUTES

Against Tasmania for the Australian XI tourists Bradman and Budecock scored 241 runs in 98 minutes. They scored really fast when:

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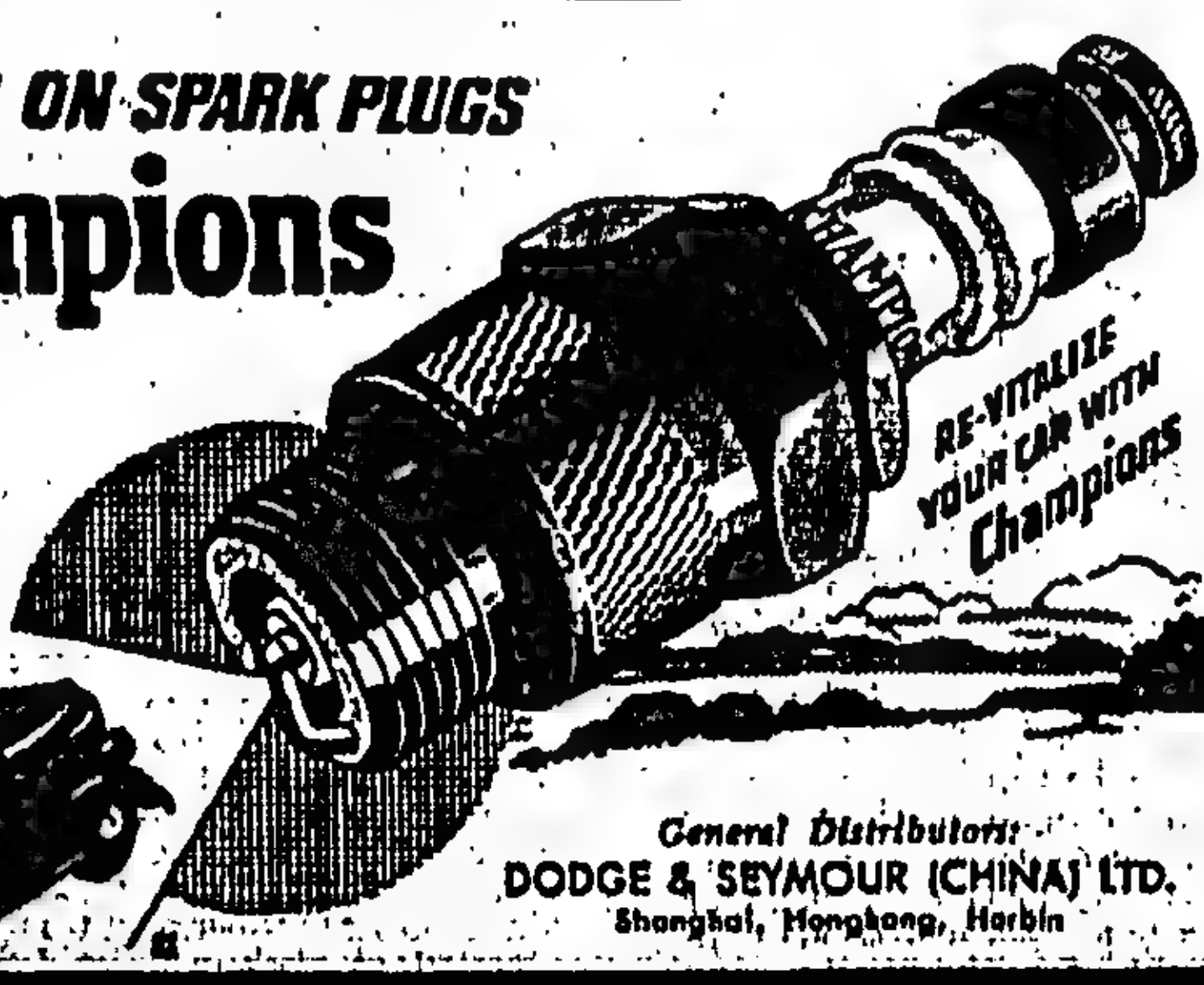
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## EGYPT'S TARIFFS DOUBLED

### New Duties Affect Indian Exports

Cairo, Apr. 11.  
Increased customs tariffs on cotton piece goods and yarns, ranging up to 100 per cent., are being enforced immediately in Egypt.

Duties have been doubled on cotton yarns, heavy grays and whites, heavy printed dyed goods and cottons.

A 100 per cent. increase in duty on cottons will practically prohibit their import from India.

All goods under 50 grammes per square metre will remain unchanged, but duties on ribbons and stockings are heavily increased. Increases on the remainder of cotton piece goods range from 50 to 70 per cent.

It is pointed out that the expression, "100 per cent." means doubling the existing duty, and not 100 per cent. ad valorem duty.—Reuter.

## SPORT ADVTs.

### THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE THIRD EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at HAPPY VALLEY on SATURDAY, 16th and MONDAY, 18th April, 1938, commencing at 12.30 p.m. each day.

The First Bell will be rung at 12.00 NOON, and the Tiffin Interval will be after the second race (1 p.m.) on both days.

**MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE**  
No one without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Badges admitting Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$5.00 per day for Gentlemen and \$3.00 per day for Ladies (Both including tax) are obtainable through the SECRETARY upon the personal or written application of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for Payment of All Chits, etc.

The Secretary's Office, 1st floor, Exchange Building, (Tel. 27794) will close at 11 a.m.

Tickets are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box. Telephone 21820.

**PUBLIC ENCLOSURE**  
The price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is \$1.00 per day including tax, for all Persons, including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

By Order,  
C. B. BROWN, Secretary.  
Hongkong, 11th April, 1938.

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## Car Drivers Fined

Stated to have driven past His Excellency the Governor's car in Causeway Bay Road on March 28, despite a signal given him by a policeman to stop, Wong Suet-kwan appeared before Mr. R. Butters at the Central Magistracy this morning, summoned for disobeying a traffic signal. He pleaded that he misunderstood the signal.

Traffic-Sergeant Sargeant said the incident occurred on the afternoon of the inspection of the St. John Ambulance Brigade, and he gave a signal to defendant to stop as the Governor's car was about to turn into the road, but defendant proceeded in front of the Governor's car, causing it to stop.

A fine of \$5 was imposed. A bus driver, Chung Man-chuen, was summoned for driving without due care and caution in Connaught Road Central on March 27, and failing to produce his driving licence. Traffic-Sergeant G. Youe said that a Shantung traffic constable, D80, was on duty at the junction of Connaught Road and Pedder Street, and had given Mr. W. H. Scott, the Deputy Commissioner of Police, who was proceeding in his car, along Connaught Road towards the Star Ferry, the signal to proceed, when defendant, who was in control of a bus at Blake Pier, suddenly started up and pulled in front of the Deputy Commissioner's car.

A total fine of \$12 was imposed.

### FINED FOR SPEEDING

Tsang Ying-kit was fined \$10 for speeding in Wongmehong Road on March 26. Traffic-Sergeant F. Appleton said he was by the Royal Hongkong Golf Club about 11.10 a.m. on March 26 when he saw a high-powered sports car going at a fast speed along Wongmehong Road towards Village Road. He followed the car on his motor cycle and pacing it, found its speed to be 38 miles per hour. The car swung up Shan Kwong Road and turned into Village Road where it stopped outside a house. When the sergeant caught up with it, there was no one in the car, but he later saw the same car being driven. He stopped it and questioned defendant, who was driving, asking if he had been in charge of the car earlier on. Defendant said he had been, and that he was demonstrating it.

Mui Chan-shui was fined \$8 for driving without due care and caution in Morrison Hill Road on March 31. Sergeant Youe said he was proceeding along Tin Lok Lane towards the Race Course when Mui shot across in front of him around a corner.

Summoned for parking his car beyond the time limit of two hours in Connaught Road on March 28, B. J. Lacon was fined \$5. For driving his car along Chater Road in a westerly direction on March 29, Herbert Lo was fined \$5.

## OLD OFFENDER CAUGHT AGAIN

### BACK TO PRISON ON ELEVENTH CONVICTION

With ten previous convictions for larceny, Chan Cheung, 21, unemployed, was sentenced to six months' hard labour and ordered to be under police supervision for two years, when he appeared on remand before Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy to-day charged with the theft of a fountain pen from Chun Wing-jak, described as a member of the Canton Military Authority.

Chan was walking in Des Voeux Road Central at 12.30 p.m. yesterday when the defendant stole his pen. The man escaped from immediate detention by struggling, but was chased and arrested.

The defendant had previously been recommended for banishment but claimed Hongkong birth.

## SEAMEN DETAINED AFTER MISSING THEIR VESSEL

Missing their ship on Friday, three Brethren, John Little, 37, of Glasgow, James Murphy, 54, of London, and Christopher Holland 42, of Liverpool, were left without means of sustenance and gave themselves up to the police.

This morning, the three men appeared before Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy charged with being vagrants in the Colony and were committed to the house of detention until arrangements can be made for their departure from the Colony.

### CHINESE STEALING JAPANESE WIRE

Peiping, Apr. 12.  
The Tientsin Police Bureau says that there have been many cases of cutting and stealing military wire recently, and the Bureau warns offenders that the severest punishment will be administered for this offence.—United Press.

### THIEF IMPRISONED

Charged with the theft of a brass mould worth \$75 from the Kwok Man Flour Factory, Tonchoy Road, Wan-chai, yesterday, Lam Pong, 28, unemployed, appeared before Mr. H. R. Butters at the Central Magistracy to-day and was sentenced to two months' hard labour.



Henry Daniel and Gladys George in "Madame X" coming to the Kluw Theatre to-morrow.

## SHARE PRICES

The following is the list of local share quotations issued this morning.

**Banks**  
H.K. Banks, \$1,535 sa.  
H.K. Banks, (Lon. Reg.), £80 n.  
Chartered Bank, £12 n.  
Mercantile Bank, A. and B. £28 n.  
Mercantile Bank, C., £14 n.  
East Asia Bank, \$85 n.

**Insurance**  
Canton Ins., \$275 n.  
Union Ins., \$40 b.  
China Underwriters, \$2.10 b.  
H.K. Fire Ins., \$243 n.

**Shipping**  
Douglas, \$70 b.  
H.K. Steamboats \$10½ b.  
Shell Bearer, \$1/10½ n.  
Indo-China (Prof.), \$51 n.  
Indo-China (Def.), \$24 n.  
Shell Bearer, \$1/10½ n.  
Union Waterways, \$8.60 n.

**Docks, etc.**  
H.K. & W. Wharves, \$131 s.  
H.K. W. Docks, (see below).  
Providents (old), \$3.00 b.  
Providents (new), \$3.40 b. and sa.  
New Engineering, \$4.05 n.  
Shanghai Docks, \$8 n.  
Kailan Mining Adm., 14/6 n.  
Raubs, \$8.20 b.

Venz: Goldfield, \$4 n.  
Hongkong Mines, 10 cts. n.

**Philippine Mining**  
Antamoks, P. 40 sa.

Atoks, P. 22½ sa.  
Baguio Gold, P. 10½ sa.  
Banguet Consol., P. 9.30 sa.

Baguet Explor., —  
Big Wedge, P. 40 sa.  
Coco Groves, P. 40 sa.

Consolidated Mines, P. 0.11 sa.  
Demonstrations, P. 33½ sa.  
E. Mindanao, P. —

Gumaus G'fields, P. —  
Ipo Gold, P. —  
I.K.L., P. 65 sa.

Itogons, P. —  
Masbate Consols., P. —  
Min. Resources, P. —

Northern Min., P. —  
Paracale Mines, P. 18 sa.  
Salcedo Mining, P. —

San Mauricio, P. 41 sa.  
Suyoc Consol., P. 15 sa.  
United Paracales, P. 41 sa.

Lands, Hotels, etc.  
H. and S. Hotels, \$5.40 b.

H.K. Lands, \$35½ b.  
H.K. Lands, 4% Deben \$100½ b.

Shal Lands, \$9 n.  
Meyrowayun Lands, \$n. —

Humphries, \$9 b.  
H.K. Realities, \$5.20 n.

Chinese Estates, \$98 n.  
China Realities, \$n. —  
China Deben, —

**Public Utilities**  
H.K. Tramways, \$15.80 b.

Peak Trams (old), \$7 b.  
Peak Trams (new), \$34 n.

Star Ferry, \$85½ b.  
Yamnat Ferry (old), \$26½ sa.

China Light (old), \$11.00 b.  
China Light (new), \$9 n.

H.K. Electric, \$39½ b.  
Mango Electric, \$15 n.

Sandakan Lights, \$14½ n.  
Telephone (old), \$26½ b.

Telephone (new), \$10½ b.  
China Buses, \$n. —

Singapore Traction, 25/- n.  
Singapore Pref., 24/- n.

**Industries**  
Cald: Macg. (old), \$n. 14½ n.

Cald: Macg. (Pref.), \$n. 12½ n.  
Canton Ice, \$1.70 n.

Cement, \$18.15 b.  
H.K. Ropes, \$4½ b. and sa.

**Stores, etc.**  
Dairy Farm, \$24.40 b.

Watson, \$6½ n.  
Lane Crawfords, \$9½ b.

Smokers, \$27 n.  
Wing On (H.K.), \$49 n.

## DRIVER CHARGED AFTER FATAL ACCIDENT

### Four Counts For Hearing Next Week

On two charges of having driven a private motor car in Queen's Road West on April 2 in a dangerous manner, on one of having failed to stop after an accident and another of driving a car with inefficient brakes, Cheung Po, 24, licensed driver, was remanded for a week at the Central Magistracy to-day.

Cheung's car is alleged to have collided with a ricksha and with a man named Li Hon-chi. This morning Traffic-Sergeant Youe said that Mr. C. A. S. Russ would be acting for the defendant.

To Mr. R. Edwards, the Magistrate, the Sergeant said that the man involved in the accident was dead.

## INDIA BOYCOTTS ZANZIBAR'S CLOVE INDUSTRY

New Delhi, Apr. 12.

The Government of India is sending a representative to Zanzibar to confer with the Government of Zanzibar regarding the deadlock in the clove industry.

Recently the Zanzibar Government passed legislation controlling the whole of the clove industry, which large Indian interests there regarded as harmful to their business. Consequently there is a boycott of cloves in India.—Reuter Bulletin.

## SHANTUNG RESTRICTS CORN GROWING

Peiping, Apr. 12.

A Chinese press report states that the Shantung Government forbids the planting of corn and knollang trees within 1,000 metres of the roads and railways.—United Press.

### WOMAN DRINKS IODINE

Drinking some iodine in mistake for medicine yesterday, Chan Chong, 25, a woman, living at Portland Street, was admitted to the Kowloon Hospital.

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**Cotton Mills**  
Ewo Cotton, \$n. 14 n.

Shai Cotton (old), \$n. 74 n.

Zueng Sing, \$n. —  
Wing On Textiles, \$n. —

**Miscellaneous**  
H.K. Entertainment, \$84 n.

Constructions, \$1¼ b.  
Vibro Piling, \$5¼ b.

Ch. Govt. 5% 1925 GSBds, 74½ n.  
H.K. Govt. 4% Loan 6% prm. n.

H.K. Govt. 3½% Loan 2% prm. b.  
Wallace Harpers, \$12½ n.

Marsmans Ins., (Lon.), s/- 11/3 n.

Marsmans Ins. (H.K.), s/- 3/10 b.

H.K. & W. Docks, \$21.70 n. X. Ris.

H.K. & W. Docks (new), \$21 n.

H.K. & W. Docks Ris. \$11 n.

## POLICEMEN KILLED IN PALESTINE

### Two Britons Die In Bombing

Haifa, Apr. 11.

Two British members of the Palestine police force were killed when a bomb, found near the plant of the Iraq Petroleum Company, exploded in the hand of one of them.

Earlier a bomb exploded within the oil area, killing an Arab, and injuring three others.

One of the police officers picked up the unexploded bomb in a brave attempt to dispose of it.—Reuter Special.

## OUR GUIDE TO THE CINEMAS

"The Awful Truth" (King's Theatre, to-day).—By special request, this picture is being shown again. Those who missed it the first time should make it a point to see it to-day; it will be on for only one day. The picture lives up to the claims of its producers. It is smart, funny and in keeping with the present trend of showing husband and wife who love and prove it by quarrelling. Cary Grant and Irene Dunne enhance their reputation here for sophisticated comedies.

"The Buccaneer" (Queen's and Alhambra Theatres, to-day).—Mr. Cecil B. de Mille, splashing his canvas with his accustomed lavish hand, has spared nothing to give his sensations all the realism possible in this tale of the pirate Jean Lafitte. It is a long picture, with plenty of excitement and some humour. Franciska Gani, the new leading lady, comes, fetchingly into the story as a demure little baggage of a Dutch girl who falls in love with the handsome pirate. Akim Tamiroff scores heavily as the pirate chief's comic lieutenant, a fat and amiable braggart with a soft streak in his bloodthirstiness.

"Way Out West" (Oriental Theatre, to-day).—There are people who like Laurel and Hardy very much, and there are also those who are not keen at all on seeing them. If you belong to the former camp, you will enjoy this show; it is up to the standard of their previous productions.

"Men Are Not Gods" (Majestic Theatre, to-day).—Chief interest in this film is that it is a British picture with the American star, Miriam Hopkins in the principal role. Alexander Korda can be relied upon to bring something unusual to the screen, and it is an unusual story.

## EXCHANGE RATES

	April 7.	April 11.
Paris.....	101½	100½
Geneva.....	21.64½	21.03½
Berlin.....	12.37½	12.37
Athens.....	547½	547½
Milan.....	94½	94½
Oslo.....	19.90	19.90
Copenhagen.....	22.40	22.40
Stockholm.....	19.40	19.40
Helsingfors.....	22.0½	22.0½
Shanghai.....	1/½	1/½
New York.....	4.06½	4.07½
Vienna.....	26½	26½
Amsterdam.....	8.95½	8.95½
Prague.....	142½	142½
Madrid.....	Nom.	Nom.
Lisbon.....	110½	110½
Hongkong.....	1/2½	1/2½
Bombay.....	1/6½	1/6½
Montreal.....	4.99½	5.00½
Brussels.....	29.48	29.49½
Yokohama.....	1/2	1/2
Belgrade.....	217	217
Bucharest.....	677½	677½
Montevideo.....	19½	19½
Rio de Janeiro.....	21½	21½
Silver (Spot).....	18½	18½
Silver (forward).....	18½	18½
War Loan.....	102½	102½

—British Wireless.

### BAIL ESTREATED

Failing to answer a charge of importing unmanifested cargo, wolfram ore, before Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy this morning, Wong Cheong, 29, unemployed, had his bail of \$5 estreated.

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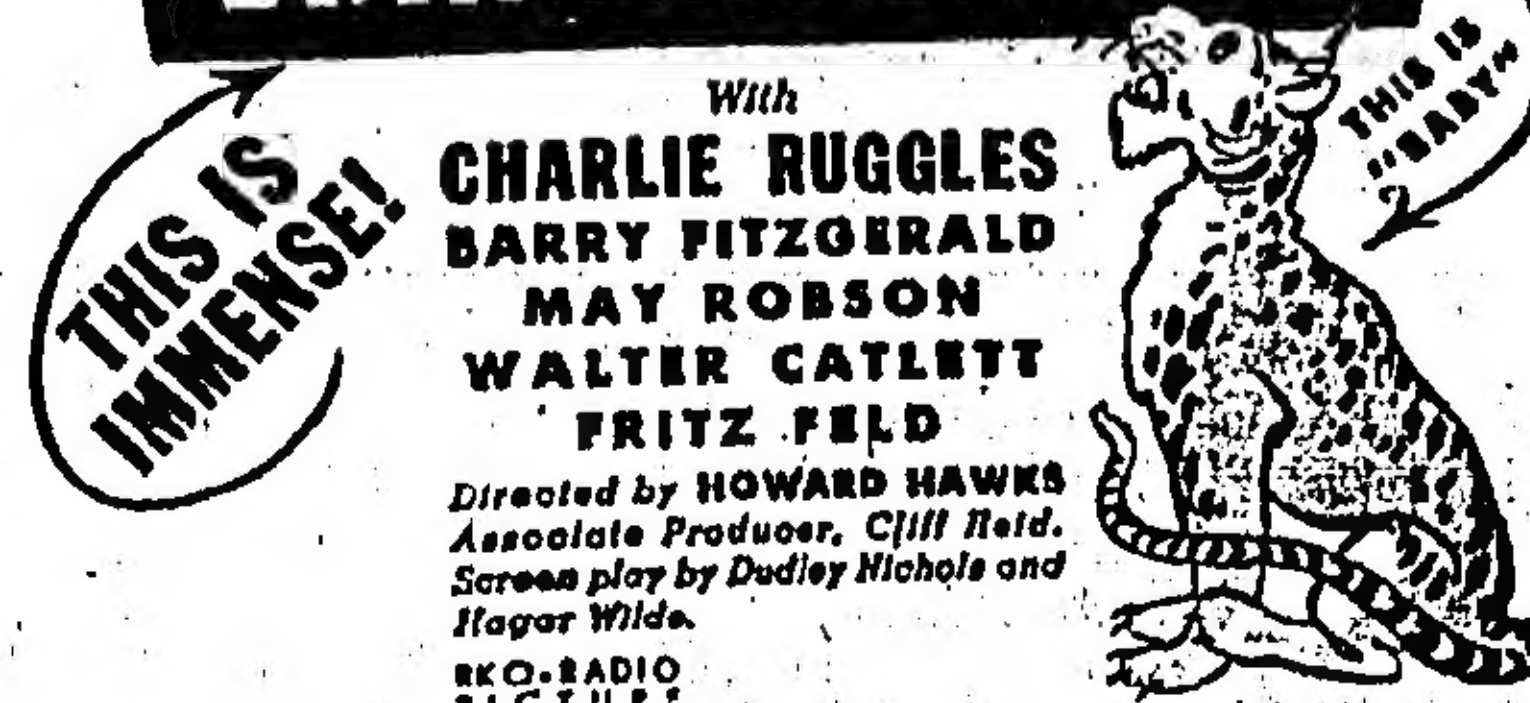
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## SPARE MOMENT PAGE

## THE BRIDE WORE RED

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Synopsis: Count Armalia, one of the aristocrats of Trieste, visits a waterfront cafe and there meets Anni, an entertainer. On a sudden whim, he decides to meddle with fate. He sends the girl to a fashionable hotel at Terrento, gives her clothes and money and so proves to his friend, Rudi Pal, that only chance makes people what they are. But he warns Anni that at the end of two weeks, the adventure will be over. At the Terrento station Anni meets Guilio, the postman. She is interested in him but forgets him immediately when she sees Rudi Pal eyeing her admiringly. Then a few minutes later she discovers that her maid is Maria, an old acquaintance at the cafe.

## Chapter Three

"Anni! Maria cried. 'Oh, it's fine to see you again.' Suddenly, Anni felt her coldness vanish. It was good, good, to meet someone who had once been fond of her, to see a dear, well-remembered face. They flew into each other's arms with the fervor of old friendship, drew apart, habited at each other simultaneously, then moved to the bed and flung upon it. Then Anni proceeded to tell her about Count Armalia's visit to the Cordillera.

"But after the two weeks?" Maria said quietly. "What then?" For a second, Anni felt her throat constrict. Then she laughed. "Why, I'll think about it then. Tell me about yourself. What brought you to Terrento? The police? Religion?" Maria looked at her placidly. "I'm

Anni nodded gratefully. "Thank you, Alberto. Thank you for everything. Lonely and a little forlorn, she stood at the terrace railing and watched the group of peasants just beyond the lawn. The pleasant mingling of the guitars and flutes livens the night air with melody. Then a shadowy figure separated from the group and she heard a voice just beneath her. It was Guilio. "Good evening, Signorina."

"Good evening, postman," she said coldly. Her smile was ironic as she pointed to his flute. "Or are you the Omelia Village Mute Player at night?"

His voice was quite calm. "Do you have any reason for making fun of me?"

She sat back, annoyed that she had failed to disconcert him. "I'm not making fun of you," she shrugged. "After all, why not be decent to the fellow? She had already noted that the truly great were quite kind to their inferiors. 'Tell me, why are the musicians going away? I liked them.'

"The dancing will begin soon, in the hotel. And besides, they prefer to go away. There are stars tonight and a moon—and a picnic." She asked, impulsively, "What do you do on a picnic?"

"Signorina has never been to one." Her inward laughter was bitter. A picnic? The closest she had ever come to it had been those early morning repasts of greasy beef stew on the dock just outside the cafe.

"We walk in the night air," Guilio said softly. "In the summer, we swim. In the winter, we ride in sleighs. And we have baskets of food to eat when we grow hungry." Anni felt something happening inside her. A dangerous, sweet mingling of emotions. This life he spoke of and at her heartstrings and filled her with strange yearnings.

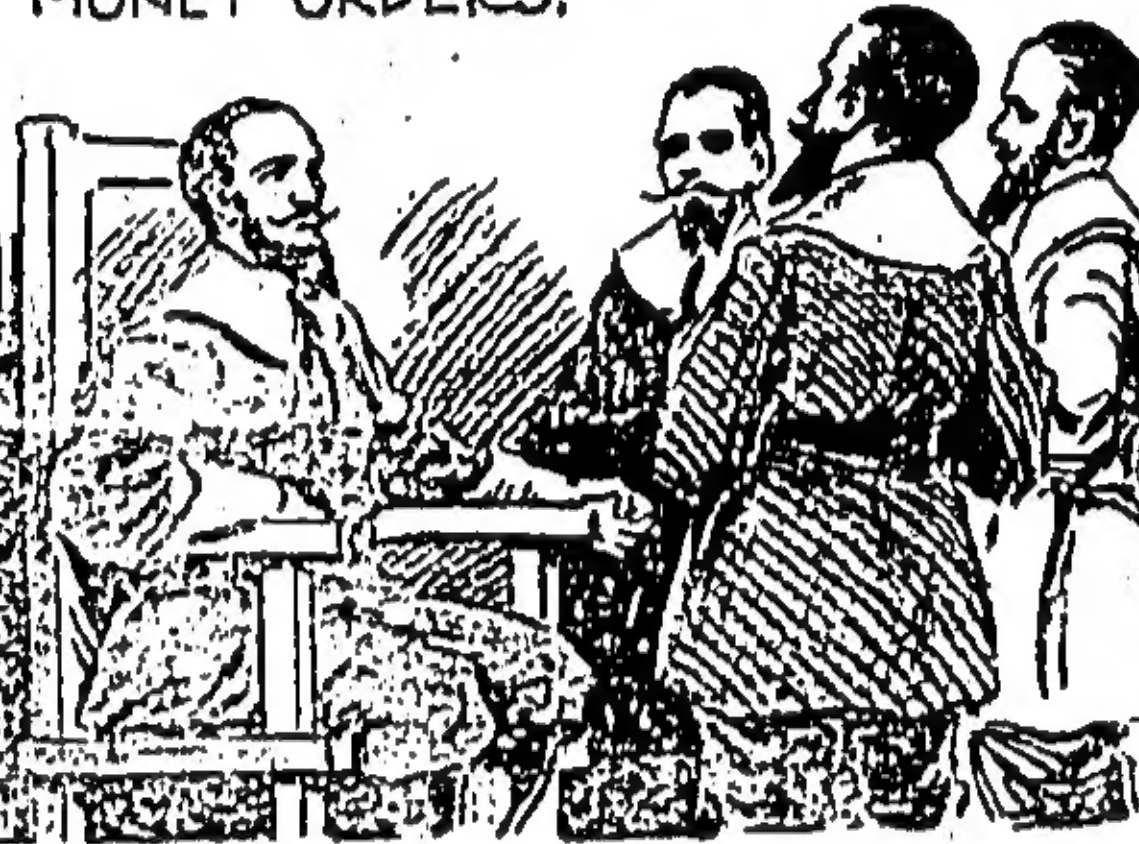
## HOW IT BEGAN

By Paul E. Berdanier



## POSTAL MONEY ORDERS

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## A CHAIRMAN

IN EARLY DAYS, BECAUSE CHAIRS WERE EXPENSIVE, ONLY PRESIDING OFFICERS SAT AT GROUP MEETINGS—ALL OTHERS STANDING. HENCE THE TERM "CHAIRMAN" TO MEAN ANY PRESIDING OFFICER OF A COMMITTEE OR CONVENTION.

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## What should they weigh?

As DR. MARY ANTHONY states in accompanying article, growth tables cannot be a hard and fast rule; but here are the standard tables to serve as a general guide

## BOY

## GIRLS

Age	Height Inches	Weight lb. oz.	Age	Height Inches	Weight lb. oz.
5 years	41.6	41.2	5 years	41.3	39.11
6 "	43.8	45.3	6 "	43.4	43.5
7 "	45.7	49.2	7 "	45.6	47.8
8 "	47.8	53.14	8 "	47.0	52.0
9 "	49.7	59.3	9 "	49.4	57.2
10 "	51.7	65.5	10 "	51.3	62.6
11 "	53.3	70.3	11 "	53.4	68.13
12 "	55.1	76.14	12 "	55.0	78.5
13 "	57.2	84.13	13 "	56.2	88.11
14 "	59.9	94.14	14 "	59.0	98.0
15 "	62.3	107.2	15 "	61.1	106.2
16 "	65.0	121	16 "	61.6	112
15-16 years	ft. in.	113	15-16 years	ft. in.	110
	5 0	115		5 0	112
	5 2	118		5 1	114
	5 3	121		5 2	117
	5 4	124		5 3	120
	5 5	128		5 4	123
	5 6	132		5 5	126
	5 7	136		5 6	130
	5 8	140		5 7	134
	5 9	144		5 8	138
	5 10	148		5 9	141
	5 11	153		5 10	145
	6 0	158		5 11	150
	6 1	163		6 0	155
	6 2	168			
	6 3	173			

I HAVE had a few letters from mothers recently, quoting their children's ages and asking what their weight, or their height, or both, should be. Though I have replied this is a subject of general interest to parents and therefore will deal with it to-day.

Hereditarily plays a large part in determining the height and general build. A rough and ready estimate of the full stature to which the child will grow may be obtained by adding the heights of both parents and dividing by two. From the figure thus obtained 2-3 inches may be deducted for girls and 2-3 inches added for boys.

STANDARD tables of heights and weights for boys and girls and young adults of both sexes are given in another column. Under seven years of age and 48in. high, the ratio between height and weight is not much affected by age. But as the child grows the weight varies according to age, and senior children will weigh more than juniors of the same height. Thus a boy of 14 years, whose height is 60in., will weigh 95lb; whereas a 19-year-old lad of the same height might weigh 120lb. That is one reason why growth tables cannot be a hard and fast rule, as one child may attain his full height by 15 years and another may keep on growing into his early twenties.

NUTRITION will, of course, play a large part in the child's rate of growth and in his maximum height.

Investigations show that children who are undernourished gain by leaps and bounds until they have reached the optimum growth for their age group. After that, though the better diet is continued, the children progress in just the normal way. No doubt good nutrition and improved conditions of living during the growing years do improve the physique of the younger generations.

The average youngsters of both sexes to-day are taller and better developed than their parents. As in plants and animals, growth is a healthy sign. Illness, disease or malnutrition will all check the rate of growing. But excessive growth is also wrong; just as a plant which has shot up too quickly will be weak and its flowers rather poor, so an overgrown child may easily acquire physical defects such as round shoulders, flat feet or knock-knees. But if he is bodily perfect it would appear that his mind, too, is well developed.

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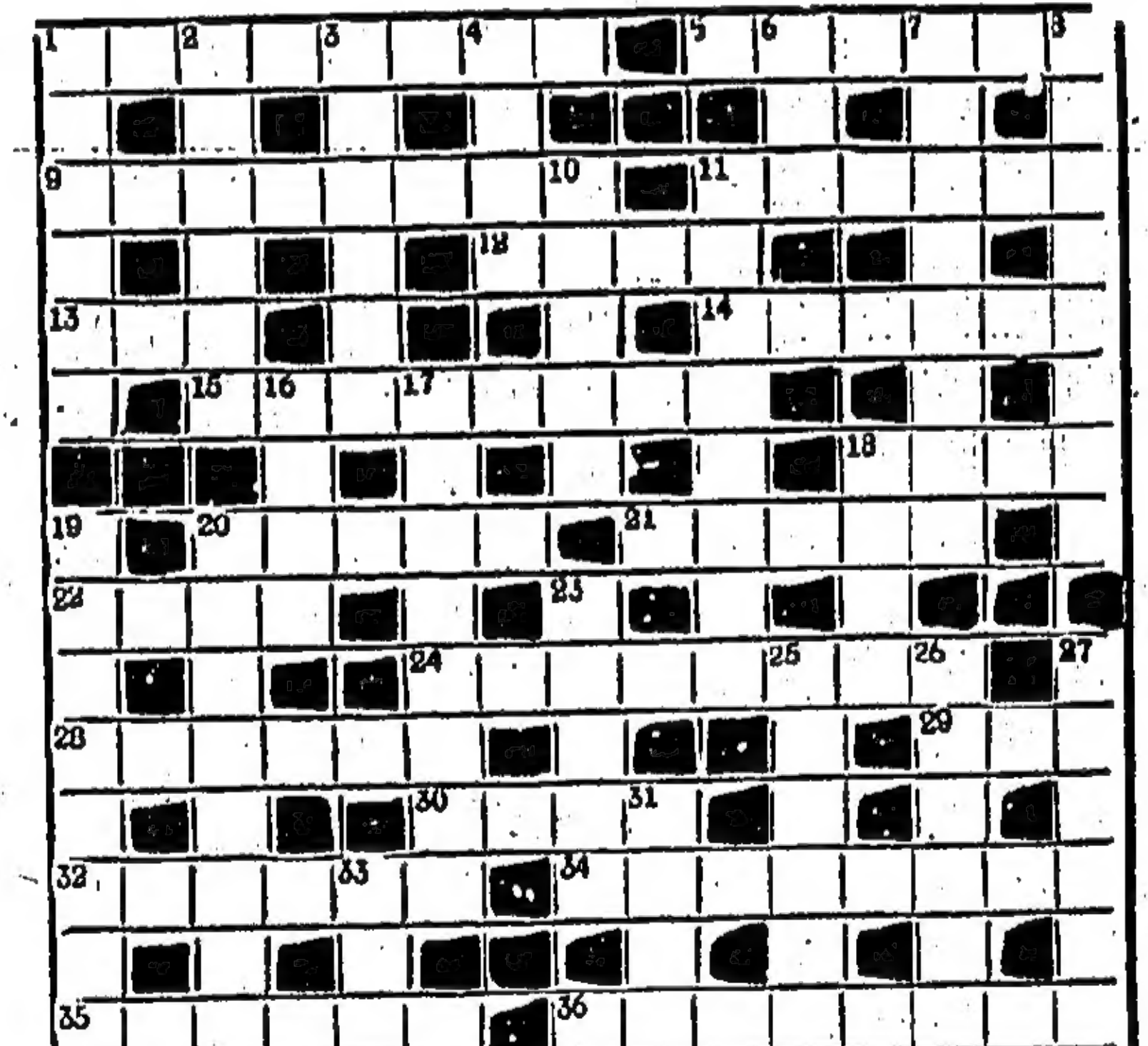
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## ACROSS

- This part of London would be an obstacle to foxhunters (8).
- A small-headed bad tailed insect (8).
- A contrivance to stop a vessel from going to its head too much (8).
- Wise motorists seldom start out without a this (6).
- This diction is no expression of goodwill (4).
- Exclamation of disgust (3).
- The start of many a speech (6).
- Grace (8).
- She is always found in the best circles (4).
- A little Macintosh (5).
- "Men at some time are masters of their—" ("Julius Caesar") (5).
- The state of mind that reversed the verdict (4).
- A period of work for a labourer but of rest for the bowler (8).
- An English martyr (6).
- A source of spirits perhaps (3).
- Joint from an animal (4).
- Leave (6).
- The bowler who is this may be freely hit (8).
- Monster useful to have when driving down a steep hill (6).
- Violate in some hair (8).

## DOWN

- Is it for their support that highwaymen commit this crime? (6).
- German poet (6).
- A bird complaint? (6).
- Expression of a time-limit perhaps (4).
- The head of 28 down (3).
- Traces (8).
- Was this artist no prophet at heart? (8).

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 8. I  
 9. T O P P I N G H U M B R U S  
 10. A A R R O R O R E A W W P  
 11. T I L L A D A G I R O I N  
 12. I A A S S L I H A R N E  
 13. V E D E T A T A C I O S  
 14. E I N I Y S E A C H  
 15. U N D E R S T A N D I N G



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HAPPENINGS  
AS SEEN BY  
THE CAMERA'S EYE

## SOLDIERS OF TO-MORROW



THE soldier of the future, when in action, will look either like a mountaineer or a mechanic.

As shown in these pictures, he will have no buttons to polish and will carry a pack of little more than half the weight piled on the backs of the men who went to war between 1914 and 1918.

The reason is the change demanded by the intensive mechanization of all branches of the modern Army.

Two new types of uniform, which are to be tried out by every Command at home and overseas during the coming training season, were shown for the first time yesterday.

These "mannequins" of the Army's dress reform paraded recently at the Central Recruiting Depot, Great Scotland Yard, S.W., while recruits looked on in bewilderment at the latest "creations."

One design makes the soldier look like a "farmer's boy." It consists of a pudding-basin, or "deer-stalker's" hat, loose-fitting sports-type jacket and shirt that can be worn with or without a tie.

### Sports Outfit

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## CHINESE LEARN VITAL LESSONS

Superiority To Enemy  
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Hsueh, Apr. 12.

While the Chinese drive northward continues with Tainan and the sacred Taishan Mountain as immediate objectives, valuable information is emerging from the Taichung battle experience regarding the Japanese equipment and military skill. The following facts comprise personal impressions from statements of Chinese military leaders, all of them checked with a foreign military expert:

A large percentage of the Japanese shells, bombs and grenades are "duds." They may be seen lying everywhere, although a few unexploded Chinese projectiles are also in evidence.

The Japanese artillery is their weakest arm. It expends a terrific quantity of ammunition with a minimum of results. This may be partly due to the Chinese use of luring fire with dummy field pieces and by other means.

Four Japanese tanks were abandoned at Taichung and four others were incapacitated—all by one Chinese armoured car with an anti-tank gun mounted. It drove around the Japanese tanks in circles.

Finally it is shown that the Japanese are inferior to the Chinese when fighting at close quarters. The Chinese victory was largely a result of night operations when the Japanese technical superiority was nullified.

"Trench mortars and hand grenades won us Taichung," said one general.

I have personally confirmed that the Japanese used tear gas and sneezing gas at Taichung. The American hospital at Hsueh had one suspected phosgene gas case, which died yesterday.—United Press.

### BRIGHT PROSPECT

Hankow, Apr. 12.

If China can continue her resistance to the end of summer with similar successes to those she is now winning, cessation of the Sino-Japanese hostilities will not be far to seek, a foreign military expert predicted today.

Continued Chinese resistance, he stated, will cause Japan to fall into greater difficulties and finally to suffer defeat.

During the past month, he observed, a turn in the tide of the war has already been seen. As a result of their arrogance and under-estimation of the Chinese fighting strength, their lack of a comprehensive military plan, and the continuous drain on manpower and material, the Japanese have suffered reverse after reverse. Their morale is already on the decline.

On the contrary, he continued, the Chinese have scored signal successes in guerrilla warfare. The guerrilla units have on many occasions impeded the progress of Japanese frontal attacks and have disrupted Japanese communications.

The Japanese at first thought that China would submit after the fall of Shanghai, Peiping, and Tientsin and consequently they failed to make elaborate military preparations for a long-drawn-out war, the expert said.

With the backing of international opinion and with her immense manpower and resources China is apparently determined to fight to the finish and therefore Japan will be deluded in her hopes of ending the war by occupying a number of big cities.—Central News.

## Wafdist Party Claims Egypt Election Void

Cairo, Apr. 11.

The Wafdist Party today issued a statement describing the recent elections in Egypt as void.

The statement declares the Party's intention is to fight against what they describe as revolutionary and pro-British parties, which heavily defeated the Wafdist candidates in the recent General Election.—Reuter Bulletin.

## LA SALLE STUDENT MISSING

Police are scouring Hongkong for Victor Garcia, seventeen-year-old student of La Salle College.

He has been missing from his home since April 4.

According to a report made by his mother, who resides at 478 Chatham Road, Kowloon, the youth failed to return from school on the afternoon of April 4, and has not been seen since then.

## Britain Now Using More Electricity

Revenue Increases  
By £8,000,000

London, Apr. 11.

The report of the Electricity Commission for the year ending March 31, 1938, states that there was a net increase of 852,000 or 11.1 per cent, in the number of consumers of electricity connected to the public supply system during the year, and the total at the end was 8,537,000, of whom 85 per cent, were domestic consumers.

Total sales to consumers amounted to 17,147,000,000 units, or about 274 units per head of the population.

During the year electricity supply undertakings of public authorities charged to the revenue account totalled over £14,600,000. The net total revenue of authorised undertakers, exclusive of sales in bulk, was £84,313,000 as against £76,447,000 in the previous year, representing an average of 1.180 pence per unit sold against 1.221 pence.—British Wireless.

## MAKING KALGAN BANDIT-PROOF

Peiping, Apr. 12.

A Domei report states that at Kalgan the houses are to have bells with wires communicating with bells in other houses in the same group in order to warn neighbours and the police if bandit attack.—United Press.

## AUSTRIAN PROBLEM DISSOLVED

German Press Won't Welcome Further World Discussion

Berlin, Apr. 11.

The "miraculous" nature of the plebiscite is the chief topic of press reviews.

The *Diplomatische Korrespondenz* says that the reunion of Austria with the Reich means that Austria has ceased to provide an international problem. This question no longer exists, and must disappear finally from international discussion. The sooner this is recognized the better it will be for the rest of the world with which Germany wants to live in peace.—Reuter.

## Two Killed In Rioting At Allahabad

Allahabad, Apr. 11.

Further rioting between Hindus and Moslems occurred today, in which two were killed and 16 injured.

Troops were called out to quell the riot, and the curfew is at present imposed.—Reuter Bulletin.

## STOP PRESS NEWS

### 107 OF 128 SMALLPOX VICTIMS DIE DURING WEEK

One hundred and seven of the 128 cases of smallpox reported to the health authorities last week ended fatally, bringing the total number of deaths since January 1 to 1,415.

Total number of cases reported from January 1 to date are 1,004, yesterday's total being 11. Six of the cases were reported from Kowloon, four from Victoria and one from Shaukiwan.

Kowloon and Victoria each reported 58 cases last week, the balance of the total of 128 cases being divided between Shaukiwan (3), Aberdeen (1), New Territories (3) and enclaves in the Harbour (3). There were 23 cases of meningitis, 22 cases of measles, 21 cases of diphtheria and 12 cases of diptheria. Thirteen of the meningitis cases ended fatally, the largest weekly mortality rate this year.

One hundred and nine people died of tuberculosis, making the total number of deaths from this disease 1,323.

### JAPAN SEEKING FINANCIERS' EXPERT HELP

Tokyo, Apr. 12.

Two of Japan's leading financiers were yesterday formally asked by the Government to undertake organisation of the projected North and Central China Development Companies.

The Government invited Mr. Saito Ichiro, former President of the Bank of Japan, and once the guiding genius of the vast Mitsui interest, to head the committee organising the North and Central China Development Company.

It also invited Baron Seinosuke Goh, a member of the House of Peers, and Japan's most influential industrialist and banker. It is noteworthy that both financiers declined the offer, pleading ill-health. However, Japanese reports said that it is generally expected they will accept the posts within a few days.

The committees which have been asked to head the companies, will hold inaugural meetings next week.—United Press.

## CHINESE IN FLIGHT, SAY JAPANESE

Shanghai, Apr. 12.

A Japanese military spokesman said today that the Chinese in southern Shantung "are on the verge of a major defeat." He refused to state the locality, but added: "At present all we can say is that the Chinese suffered heavy losses in an attempted offensive yesterday. They have been routed, and are now in full flight." He refused to divulge the point where the alleged Chinese attack failed.—United Press.

### JAPANESE WANT WRECK FOR SCRAP METAL

Kobe, Apr. 12.

Japanese companies are prepared to submit bids for the President Hoover, which is hard ground on an island in the Formosan Channel, when underwriters in London auction the ship in May or June.

The bidders' plan is to sell the ship for scrap if they win the bid.

The vessel has been aground a reef, south-east of Formosa since December 10.—United Press.

### SHANGHAI-FORMOSA AIRLINE PLAN

Shanghai, Apr. 12.

Japanese reports state Shanghai will be linked with Taihoku, Formosa, by air, late in the summer, if current negotiations with Tokyo succeed.

The reports state that under present plans, Douglas air liners will make the trip thrice weekly, covering the 820 kilometres between the two cities in under three hours.—United Press.

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### GEORGE ROBEY'S WIFE WINS DIVORCE ACTION

London, Apr. 11.

A decree nisi has been granted Mrs. Ethel Wade, against George Edward Wade (the comedian George Robey).

Adultery with a woman named Lillian was alleged, owing to the case was not contested.—Reuter Special.

### ACCELERATED AIR SERVICE STARTS

Alexandria, Apr. 11.

The Imperial Airways flying-boat, *Centaurus*, which is inaugurating the accelerated new air service to Brisbane, arrived at Alexandria slightly later than schedule, owing to the heavy headwinds encountered.—Reuter Bulletin.

### BRITISH OFFICER TO AID AUSTRALIA DEFENCE SCHEME

Sydney, Apr. 11.

The Minister of Defence announced today that the Commonwealth Government will shortly be appointing a British Army officer as Inspector-General for military defence in Australia.—Reuter Special.

### DISCUSS ANGLO-IRE PACT IN LONDON

London, Apr. 12.

The Prime Minister of Northern Ireland, who arrived from Belfast this morning, saw Mr. Neville Chamberlain this afternoon.

It is understood they discussed the expected pact between Britain and Eire.—Reuter Bulletin.

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